



**Town of Rowe  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes**

Thursday, May 23, 2024 – 2:00 pm  
Rowe Town Hall, Meeting Room #1

Position	Name	Present	Absent
Chair	Joanne Semanie	x	
V-Chair	Edward Silva	x	
Selectmen	William Baker	x	

**IN-PERSON AUDIENCE: NONE**

**ZOOM PARTICIPATION: Kathy Atwood @6:08pm**

**Call to Order:** Selectmen Semanie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Announcement of recording devices: NONE**

**Noteworthy Announcements: NONE**

**New Business:**

1. Board of Selectmen, Selection of Officers: It was discussed and decided amongst the Selectmen to have Joanne Semanie act as Chair and Ed Silva as Vice-Chair for the Board of Selectmen effective immediately.
2. Personnel Review Form: Selectmen reviewed form. Vice-Chair Silva requested that the TA finalize the annual review plan with the Treasurer/Collector/HR, Ben Gelb.
3. Police Chief, Offer Letter

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Chair Semanie made a motion to approve the Police Chief's offer letter as written. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Silva was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)

4. Public Safety Administrative Assistant, Offer Letter

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Chair Semanie made a motion to approve the Public Safety Administrative Assistants offer letter as written. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Silva was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)

**6:45 Appointment with State Representative, Natalie Blais  
Arrived @ 6:34pm**

**Yankee Road Discussion:**

- Letter of Support, contract extension
- Project Fund Shortfall, will discuss with Yankee Rowe the possibility of making up the difference in funding shortfall

**\*SELECTMEN SILVA LEFT MEETING @6:45pm**

**\*SELECTMEN SILVA RETURNED TO MEETING @6:50pm**

**School Choice Discussion:**

- Chapter 70 formula review, increase in cost per pupil for FY2025
- Transportation costs

**Old Business:**

1. Fire Chief Succession Plan: **Chair Semanie brought Selectmen BB up to speed on the proposal between Charlemont and Rowe.**

2. 2022 Audit—Vice-Chair Silva expressed concerns about not completing an audit in over eight years. Mr. Silva requested that the Selectboard motion to hire Roselli, Clark & Associates, the available audit firm to complete a full audit for 2023.

**MOTION TO HIRE: Vice-Chair Silva motioned to hire Roselli, Clark & Associates to complete a full audit for FY2023. The motion, seconded by Chair Semanie was unanimously approved. (vote 3-0-0)**

3. Town Line Sign – no discussion.

### **Road/Bridge Projects:**

Yankee Road: Briefly discussed the project with Selectmen BB. Vice-Chair Silva plans to follow up with engineering firm on prior plan contingency.

Cyrus Stage Bridge: Briefly discussed the project with Selectmen BB.

Ford Hill Bridge: Briefly discussed the project with Selectmen BB.

Tunnel Road Bridge: Briefly discussed the project with Selectmen BB.

### **Warrants/Contracts:**

1. Chair Semanie reviewed FY2024 Vendor & Payroll Warrants 23

### **Unforeseen Business:**

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee Appointments; Alex Riesman, Dana Williams & Laurie Pike

**MOTION TO APPOINT: Chair Semanie motioned to appoint Alex Reisman, Dana Williams, and Laurie Pike to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, effective July 01, 2024, through, June 30, 2025. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Silva was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)**

### **Mail:**

1. Brookfield Renewable: Herbicide application notification

### **Minutes:**

1. Board of Selectmen Minutes – April 25, 2024

**MOTION TO APPROVE: Chair Semanie made a motion to approve the April 25, 2024, minutes as written. The motion, seconded by Selectmen Baker was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)**

2. Board of Selectmen Minutes – May 09, 2024

**MOTION TO APPROVE: Chair Semanie made a motion to approve the May 09, 2024, minutes as written. The motion, seconded by Selectmen Baker was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)**

3. Board of Selectmen Minutes – May 21, 2024

**MOTION TO APPROVE: Chair Semanie made a motion to approve the May 21, 2024, minutes as written. The motion, seconded by Selectmen Baker was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)**

### **Citizen Comments:**

NONE

**Future Meetings:**

Thursday, June 06, 2024, at 6:00pm

Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00pm

**Adjournment:** 7:37pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Semanie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Silva was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke E. Shulda, Town Administrator

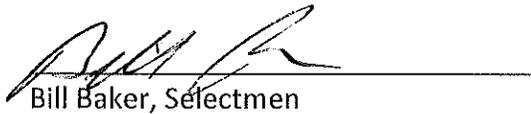
Approval Date: June 06, 2024

Approved:



Joanne Semanie, Chair

Ed Silva, Vice-Chair



Bill Baker, Selectmen

**Documents:**

1. Agenda for May 23, 2024
2. Personnel Review Form
3. Police Chief – Draft Offer Letter
4. Public Safety Administrative Assistant – Draft Offer Letter
5. Board of Selectmen Minutes - April 25, 2024
6. Board of Selectmen Minutes – May 21, 2024