

**Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen
Minutes**

Thursday, March 20, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Rowe Town Hall, Meeting Room #1 & Via Remote Participation

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>
Chair	Joanne Semanie	x	
V-Chair	Edward Silva		x
Selectmen	William Baker	x	

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dan Pallotta, Marilyn Wilson, Loretta Dione, Susan Gleason, Wayne Zavotka
IN-PERSON AUDIENCE: School Committee Members Suzie Zavotka and Matt Stine
ZOOM PARTICIPATION: None
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Brooke Shulda

Call to Order: Chair Semanie called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
Announcement of recording devices: NONE
Noteworthy Announcements: NONE

Fiscal Year 2026 Begin Commentary

Article 4. Elected Board and Committee Stipends –

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the Finance Committee (FinCom) reviewed the Planning Board's request for \$5,200 to cover stipends for each of the five members on the board. After discussing the request, four of the five FinCom members voted in favor of the request. Please note that Chair Pallotta abstained from voting, as his wife is a member of the Planning Board.

Finance Committee: 4-0-1
Board of Selectmen: did not vote on this article

Article 5. Elected Town Officer Stipends –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee reviewed the request for a \$1,000 increase to the Town Clerk's stipend. After a brief discussion regarding this request, neither the Board of Selectmen nor the Finance Committee was in favor of the increase.

***When the Town Clerk position becomes appointed by the BOS (FY27), the hours for the Town Clerk should vary each year to reflect the increased time required during the elections.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 6. Debt –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in favor of paying down the Broadband debt by \$25,000 and the Road paving debt by \$370,000.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 7. General Government –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in favor of the General Government budgets as requested.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 8. Reserve Fund –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in agreement with \$30,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 9. Public Works –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in favor of Public Works budgets as requested by the departments.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 10. Public Safety –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in favor of Public Safety budgets as requested by departments.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 11. Health and Sanitation –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in favor of the Health and Sanitation budget as requested by the Board of Health.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 12. Education –

This budget was not voted on during this meeting.

Article 13. Library –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in favor of the Library budget as requested by the Library Trustees and Director.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 14. Park –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in favor of the Park budget as requested by the Park Commission.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 15. Beautification –

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee were both in favor of the Beautification budget as requested by the Town Administrator on behalf of the Beautification Committee.

Finance Committee: 5-0-0
Board of Selectmen: 2-0-0

Article 16. Old Home Day –

This article was not voted on as there has not been an old home day in quite a few years.

Article 18. Pensions and Insurance –

This article was not voted on during this meeting.

Review FY2026 Capital Improvement & Project Requests

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee briefly reviewed the requested projects submitted by departments. They plan to take a closer look at the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 27.

Citizen Comments:

NONE

Future Meetings:

Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 03, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 6:54 p.m.

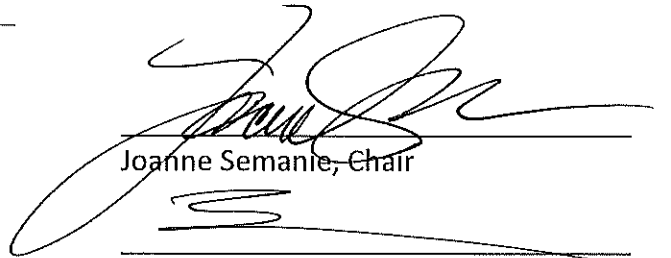
MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Semanie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion, seconded by Selectmen Baker, was approved. (vote: 2-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke E. Shulda, Town Administrator

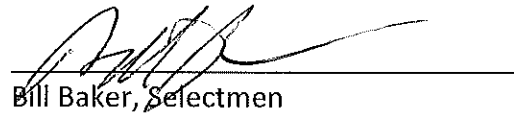
Approval Date: April 10, 2025

Approved by:



Joanne Semanie, Chair

Ed Silva, Vice-Chair



Bill Baker, Selectmen

Documents:

1. Agenda for March 20, 2025
2. Capital Improvement & Project Requests List
3. Capital Improvement & Project Request Forms