Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
Thursday, May 07, 2026 – 1:00 PM
Rowe Town Hall, Meeting Room #1

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Joanne Semanie, Ed Silva, Bill Baker
TOWN OFFICIALS: Tree Warden Connie Englert, Constable Henry Dandeneau, Town Administrator Brooke Shulda
IN-PERSON AUDIENCE: None

Call to Order: Chair Semanie called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Announcement of recording devices: No recording devices.

Appointments:
1:00 PM – Constable – Sign Election Warrant

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND SIGN: Chair Semanie motioned to accept and sign the FY2027 Election Warrant as written by the Town Clerk. The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva, was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)

1:05 PM – Tree Warden

Tree Warden Connie Englert joined the meeting to give the Selectboard an update on the proposed tree list provided by National Grid for the 1019W1 Project. Ms. Englert explained that she has been collaborating with National Grid to obtain an accurate list of trees proposed for pruning or removal, stated that she will likely recommend that a number of the trees proposed for removal be pruned instead, and expressed that these proposals must comply with Chapter 87 laws. She also brought up planting trees in place of the areas where trees will be removed.

New Business:
1. Municipal Light Board – Approve Municipal Light Plant FY2027 Budget

MOTION TO APPROVE: Chair Semanie motioned to approve the FY2027 Municipal Light Plant budget as provided by the MLP Manager. The motion, seconded by Selectman Silva, was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)

2. Fire Department Bay Door Repair

The Town Administrator provided the Selectboard with an email from the Fire Chief regarding the replacement of springs with torsion bars and springs and openers for the fire station bay doors. The Selectboard asked whether the fire department has these funds remaining in its budget.

3. Vacation Requests

Chair Semanie signed the vacation request forms submitted.

Old Business:
1. Fire Chief Succession Plan – no update.
2. Personnel Policy Manual – no update.

Ongoing Projects:
<u>Roads/Bridges:</u>
Yankee Road: no update.

Zoar Rd. Bridge over Sam Rice Brook: no update.
Hazelton Road Culvert: Town Admin update.
Steel Brook Road Bridge: no update.
Cyrus Stage Road Bridge: no update.
Tunnel Road Bridge: no update.

Other Projects:
Oil Tank Removal: no update.
National Grid – 10W19: Proposed Tunnel Road/Hazelton Road walk with National Grid.

Warrants/Contracts:
1. Review and Sign Warrants - FY26 AP, Payroll, Deduction & NBSU Warrants #21, #21A, and #22.

Mail:
1. Green Mountain Power

Minutes:
1. February 25, 2026 – REVISED Meeting Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN: Chair Semanie motioned to approve and sign the REVISED meeting minutes for February 25, 2026, as submitted. The motion, seconded by Selectman Baker, was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)

Minutes:
1. March 12, 2026 – Joint Select Board/FinCom Budget Hearing Minutes
2. April 02, 2026 – Select Board Meeting Minutes
3. April 02, 2026 – Joint Select Board/FinCom Budget Meeting Minutes

Future Meetings:
1. Monday, May 11, 2026 – 6:30 PM – Annual Town Meeting
2. Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 6:00 PM
3. Thursday, June 4, 2026 – 6:00 PM
4. Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Unforeseen Business (within preceding 48 hours): None.

Adjournment: 2:04 PM

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Semanie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 PM. The motion, seconded by Selectman Baker, was unanimously approved. (vote: 3-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke E. Shulda, Town Administrator

Approval Date: _____

Approved by:

Ed Silva, Chair

Bill Baker, Vice-Chair

Vacant

Documents:

1. Agenda for May 07, 2026
2. Election Warrant
3. FY27 MLP Budget
4. Fire Chief Email RE: Fire Department Bay Door Repair
5. Vacation Requests
6. MAIL: Green Mountain Power
7. February 25, 2026 – REVISED Meeting Minutes
8. March 12, 2026 – Meeting Minutes – Select Board