# Town of Rowe – FY2010
## Board of Selectmen
## Minutes – Wednesday, January 6, 2010 – 5:00pm

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Bill Loomis.

**Present:** Selectmen Bill Loomis and Paul McLatchy III; Town Coordinator Ellen Miller

**Absent:** Selectman Geoff Bagley

**Also Present:** DPW Supt. Jim Taylor: Jack Packard, Energy Committee Chair

**Resignation:** A resignation from the Selectboard was received from Geoff Bagley, effective January 4, 2010. Mr. Bagley stated: "It is with deep regret due to personal conflict with my landlord that I must resign from the Board of Selectmen, the Yankee Land Committee and the Town of Rowe Energy Committee. I am currently moving to the town of Buckland." The Selectboard was very sorry to receive his resignation. As it is close to the next annual election the Selectmen decided that they will not call a special election to fill the vacancy. There will be two Selectboard vacancies at the May town election—one two-year seat and one three-year seat.

**DPW:**

- **Part-Time Help:** Supt. Taylor reported that he returned from his recent vacation and was pleased with the job done by Sean Loomis who filled in snowplowing in his absence. The department received compliments on the conditions of the roads.
- **Grader Problems:** Supt Taylor reported that there has been an unexpected problem with the front wheel drive of the grader. Schmidt Equipment repaired the machine at a cost of Repairs cost $8200. As it was a poor design that caused the problem. Mr. Taylor was able to the John Deere dealer to lower the repair bill to $4500. This was an unbudgeted expense.
- **1998 Mack:** Metal shavings were recently found in the motor of the 1998 Mack. Supt. Taylor brought the shavings to Springfield Mack for their opinion on what could have caused this. He was surprised to find that Springfield Mack has gone out of business. He is in the process of locating another Mack dealer to discuss the shavings with them. He it is not a serious problem. He hopes to have an answer by the end of the week.

**Energy Committee:**

- **PV Solar Installation:** Jack Packard was present to discuss a memo he would like sent to all town departments concerning a possible PV solar installation at Rowe School. Ms. Miller will review the draft and prepare a final version for Mr. Packard's review before it is sent to all town departments this week.
- **Vacancy:** Selectman McLatchy stated that he would be interested in taking Geoff Bagley's spot on the Energy Committee. Mr. Loomis stated he would bring his name to the Energy Committee for their recommendation.

**Charlemont Ambulance:** Ms. Miller did send a response to the Charlemont Selectboard indicating that the Town of Rowe will be sending $11,500 for Rowe' share of ambulance costs. Charlemont officials were happy with the news.

**Police Dept:**

- **New Officer:** Ms. Miller has sent an appointment paper to newly-appointed special police officer Melissa Salls, but she has not yet met with the Town Clerk to be sworn to duty.
- **MIRCS:** Ms. Miller is seeking quotes via Horace Moody, IT Consultant, for a new computer and camera for the Police Department.

**Special Election Warrant:** The Selectboard signed the warrant for the upcoming January 19th special state election. It will be turned over to the Constable for posting.

**School Gift**: $500 was turned over to the Rowe School by Ed and Sandy Silva. These are proceeds from deposit cans and bottles left at the town Transfer Station. Mr. and Mrs. Silva have been turning the recyclables in and giving the proceeds to the town. The Silvas stated that this $500 gift is to be used to help Rowe School families that cannot afford the costs of the ski program and other school trips that require partial payment by parents/guardians. The Selectboard voted unanimously to accept the $500 gift for the stated purposes.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the December 23, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

**RECAP Funding Sources Sheet:** Ms. Miller provided the Selectmen with copies of a "funding sources" sheet she maintains each year. She was thanked for this helpful information.

**Building Dept:** A recent Goal Post article from the Planning Board stated that they have requested that Building Inspector Foster have a form filled out for building permit applications. As Mr. Foster works for the Selectboard, the request should have come to the Selectboard. Mr. Foster, who was present this evening, will give a copy of this form to Ms. Miller for review by the Selectboard.

**Library Budget:** Ms. Miller will research the amount of increase in the Library budget required to be eligible for annual state grant aid.

**Warrants:** Treasury Warrant #15 and Payroll Warrant #15 were approved for payment.

**Police Monthly Report:** None submitted.

**Police Time/Citation Log:** None submitted.

**Building Inspection Report:** Report for month of December 2009 was reviewed.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Selectboard will be Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

**Adjournment:** The Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen B. Miller, Town Coordinator

Approved:

William A. Loomis, Chair

Paul McLatchy III

[Vacant]

Feb 3, 2010
Date Approved