Town of Rowe – FY2010
Board of Selectmen
Minutes – Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – 5:00pm

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Chair Bill Loomis.

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

Also Present: Finance Committee members: David Dvore, Anne Besgen, and Susan Wood; DPW Supt. Jim Taylor

DPW Operations: Mr. Taylor informed the Selectboard that due to unforeseen repairs needed on the John Deere grader, he will run out of funds in his operations account, and needs a $5,000 transfer from the Reserve Fund to make it to the end of the year. The Selectboard agreed. Mr. Taylor applied to the Finance Committee, who approved his request.

MBI Support Letter: The Selectboard approved and signed a letter of support to the MA Broadband Institute.

MV Excise Tax Refunds: Refunds in the amount of $161.98 and $26.87 were approved for payment.

FY2011 Budget: Revised draft memos to departments/boards/committees about reductions needed in the FY2011 budgets were submitted for review. The memos were approved and will be sent by mail to all departments/boards/committees tomorrow (March 4th). Ms. Miller was thanked for the preparation of the memos.

Library Trustees Carryover Request: A memo was received from the Library Trustees asking that two accounts be carried over into FY2011 (CWMars Mini-net annual membership $4472 and CWMars one-time charges $6,400). Due to their inability to establish a viable internet connection this year, the new CWMars project is postponed until next year, meaning funds will not be used this year. The Selectboard approved the carryover of the $6400 as this was a special project, but $4472 cannot be carried over as this is an annual expense. The response to the Library Trustees will be included in the memo mentioned in the above paragraph.

SSA Bonus: As requested at the last meeting, Ms. Miller calculated the cost of a possible one-time $250 bonus as follows: benefitted town employees only--$1600; all town employees--$2200. (This excludes school employees who are getting increases in FY2011.) Susan Wood and Anne Besgen of the Finance Committee and Selectmen Paul McLatchy said they were not in favor of giving bonuses. The Selectboard did not vote on the matter. David Dvore stated that the matter should be discussed at a later meeting.

Capital Stabilization Fund: The Selectboard voted unanimously to appropriate $161,534 to the Capital Stabilization Fund in FY2011 via override on the FY2011 tax recap sheet. This represents a 2.5% increase over this year's appropriation of $157,594.

2009 Annual Town Report: The 2009 Annual Town Report received first place in the recent MA Municipal Association annual report contest. The Selectmen will put a notice in the *Goal Post* thanking Ms. Miller for the great job on the report.

Police Report: Report for month of January 2010 was reviewed.

Building Inspection Report: No building permits were issued for the month of February 2010.

Minutes: The following minutes were unanimously approved as submitted: January 20 and 27, and February 3 and 18, 2010. The February 10, 2010, minutes were unanimously approved with one correction.

Possible Solar Panels for Town Hall Roof: Selectman McLatchy asked Ms. Miller to see if solar panels could be placed on the Town Hall roof. She will research the matter.

Adjournment: The Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen B. Miller, Town Coordinator

Approved:

William A. Loomis, Chair

Paul McLatchy III

[Vacant]

June 8, 2010

Date Approved

Documents:

- DPW Ops RFT request $5,000
- MBI Support Letter
- MV Excise Tax Refunds
- Budget Memos to all boards, committees & departments
- Library Trustees memo re account carryovers