Town of Rowe – FY2010
Board of Selectmen
Minutes – Monday, April 26, 2010 – 3:00pm

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chair Loomis.

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

Also Present: DPW Supt. Jim Taylor

Surplus DPW Equipment: Supt. Taylor asked permission from the Selectboard to advertise for bid as surplus equipment two old fertilizer spreaders and an old plow frame for the 1999 Ford F550. The Selectboard voted unanimously to allow the Superintendent to put them out to bid.

DPW Year-End Accounting Transfers: Supt. Taylor informed the Selectboard that he is running over on his Electricity account, and will need a relief transfer sometime in May. Also, he has a surplus in the Winter Roads account, and would like to transfer some of these funds to Annual Highway Projects. The Selectboard were in agreement. These items will be revisited in May/June when transfers can legally take place.

Review/Approve Special Town Meeting Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed the warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting scheduled for **Monday, May 10, 2010,** at 6:30pm. They voted unanimously to approve and sign the warrant. Ms. Miller will forward the warrant to the Constable for signature and posting.

Old Home Day Committee: The Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint the following to the July 2010 Old Home Day Committee: Ellynn Packard, Sean Loomis, Paul McLatchy III, Ellen Miller, Christine Tower, Bob Dykeman and MaryAnn Dykeman.

Streetlight Inventory: Ms. Miller obtained a street light inventory from Tom Smith at National Grid. There are 48 town-owned streetlights in Rowe [(9) 100W and (39) 50W]. All are high pressure sodium. The Selectboard agreed that it would be a good idea to ask townspeople at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting if there are any households that would prefer the streetlight in front of their property be shut off.

Joint Pole Location Request: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. submitted a request that a pole location hearing be held for the installation of jointly-owned new pole on Middletown Hill Road (adjacent to the Veber property) 470' south of the centerline of the intersection of Ford Hill Road. The Selectboard agreed that the hearing could be held at their meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. Ms. Miller will send postcards to affected households and to both utilities alerting them of date and time of the pole hearing.

Zoar Road Bridge Over Pelham Brook: The Selectboard received a letter from the Charlemont Selectboard asking the Rowe Selectboard for their support in getting Bridge #C-05-002 over Pelham Brook in Zoar at the intersections of Zoar and Rowe Roads moved up the priority list for State Bridge Repair. The Selectboard agreed that this bridge is in terrible shape and asked Ms. Miller to compose a letter for their signature. She will prepare the letter tomorrow and leave it in the Selectmen's office for their signatures.

Purchase Order for the Park Composting Toilet System: At the request of the Park Commission, the Selectboard approved and signed a purchase order for Clivus New England, Inc. in the amount of $16,275.00 for an M-12 Composting Waste Treatment System [PO #T2010-001]. This item is being purchased under the state's RFR #: DCR #424.

Fire Chief Reaching Retirement Age: Ms. Miller reported that she had been informed by the Franklin Regional Retirement System that Fire Chief Ed May is reaching age 65 in May 2010, which, she was informed, is the mandatory retirement age for uniformed public safety personnel in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ms. Miller was asked to check with Town Counsel to see if there are exceptions for towns with volunteer departments. Selectman Loomis will check with Chief May to see if he is aware of this requirement, or to see if he has any information concerning the matter.

Police Department:

- **IT Upgrade:** Chief Dandeneau has not yet contacted Horace Moody concerning the IT upgrade of his department to allow for electronic processing of gun permits.
- **New Officer:** Julie Shippee is ready to start her Reserve Officer Training class.

Adjournment: The Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen B. Miller, Town Coordinator

Approved: _____
William A. Loomis, Chair

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Paul McLatchy III

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[Vacant]

August 31, 2010
Date Approved

Documents:

- Agenda
- Special Town Meeting Warrant May 10, 2010
- National Grid Streetlight Inventory
- Request for Pole Location Hearing
- Charlemont Selectboard Letter re Zoar Bridge
- PO for Clivus Composting Toilet System at Pelham Lake Park