Town of Rowe - FY 2014
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday, September 4, 2013 - 3:00 pm
Rowe Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair Marilyn Wilson at 3:00 pm.

Present: Select Board Chair Marilyn Wilson, Vice-Chair Susan Gleason, Select Board Member Noel Abbott, Secretary Janice Boudreau

Audience: Jodi Brown, Jackie Cashin, Ann Foshay, Rosey Gordon, Dorothy Kalaus, Warren Kalaus, Betty Lenth, John Magnago, Paul McLatchy, III, Robin Reed, Jim Taylor, Christine Tower, Florence Veber

Minutes: The Minutes of August 28, 2013 and proposed amendments to the Minutes were discussed.

Motion to Approve Wording: Chair Wilson made a motion to change to amendment wording that Selectman Abbott supplied from was definitely to eventually under the 'Apology to Heidi Cousineau'. The motion seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason was accepted. 2/1/0 , Selectman Abbott voted "no." NA MW SG

Motion to Approve Sentence: Chair Wilson made a motion to add to amendment wording the sentence under 'Apology to Heidi Cousineau': Chair Wilson stated that there was no such implication. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason was accepted. 2/1/0 Selectman Abbott voted "NO" NA MW SG

Motion to Table Approval: Following discussion Chair Wilson made a motion to table voting to accept the Minutes of August 28, 2013 until reviewing the amendments and corrections in draft form and discuss at next meeting. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason was unanimously accepted. 3/0/0

Old Business:

1. Truck bid: Highway Superintendent Jim Taylor returned to discuss the truck bid for the 2014 Six Wheel Heavy Duty Chassis 47,120 GVW and components. Jim reported speaking with Procurement Officer Andrea Woods of Franklin County Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) to review bids received on August 28, 2013 for the truck and discuss rationale for wanting proprietary bid. The lowest bid was a different brand truck from the rest of the trucks in the highway fleet. He asked Ms. Woods if it were possible to accept the next lowest bid due to the fact that it matched the rest of the fleet which were Mack trucks, proved to last 15 years and would fit into the established service and parts system. He added that the Town vote to appropriate funds had been for a Mack Dump Truck. Ms. Woods agreed that due to having an established fleet since 1972, having an established schedule for service, parts and maintenance, municipal employees have knowledge of Mack Trucks and proven long life span.

Motion to Accept Truck Bid: Following discussion Chair Wilson made a motion to accept the bid from Ballard Truck of W. Springfield, MA for $119,165.00 for the 2014 Six Wheel Heavy Duty Chassis 47,120 GVW. The motion, seconded by Selectman Abbott was unanimously accepted. 3/0/0

Motion to Accept Bid: Following discussion Chair Wilson made a motion to accept the bid from C.G Madigan of Lancaster, MA for $90,750.00

Bid Award: Chair Wilson made a motion to accept bid from Richard Cornwell – Bernardston, MA - $20,327.50 for Rowe's sale of Surplus 1998 Mac R.D. Truck with sander, dump body and plows. The motion, seconded by Noel Abbott was unanimously accepted. NA SG MW

Jim Taylor left the meeting at 3:45 pm and Jackie Cashin entered the meeting at 3:45 pm.

1. Paying for Goal Post's Stamps: Chair Wilson asked Town Accountant to address the ongoing problem of purchasing stamps for the Goal Post. Jackie Cashin offered that an invoice could be presented so a check could be cut since it was a fixed monthly cost for the same vendor and service with slight variance. It was agreed to present a motion once the correct terminology for the process was determined.

2. Audit Review: Chair Wilson tabled the meeting with Town Accountant and Treasurer since there was no more time due to the scheduled Executive Session at 4:00 pm.

Jackie Cashin left the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Executive Session:

Chair Wilson made a motion at 3:50 pm to enter into Executive Session for Purpose # 2 and reconvene into Open Session following the Executive Session:

> To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.
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> The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason and a roll call vote was made:
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> Chair Marilyn Wilson- aye
> Vice-Chair Susan Gleason- aye
> Selectman Noel Abbott- aye

The meeting re-convened in Open Session at 5:10 pm.

Audience:

- Paul McLatchy III asked about the Executive Session and Chair Wilson said nothing could be reported at this time.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business Marilyn Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Susan Gleason, was unanimously accepted at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau
Secretary

Approval Date: Marilyn Wilson
SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

Approved:

Marilyn Wilson, Chair

Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair

Noel R. Abbott, Selectman

Attachments:

- Agenda 09/04/13
- Franklin Regional Council of Governments – 'Essentials Workshop Calendar' (7 pgs.)
- MA Division of Local Services – 'What is New in Municipal Law' Seminar Information (3 pgs.)
- Memo from Jim Taylor: 'Reasons for Proprietary Bid'