Town of Rowe - FY 2015
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday, August 6, 2014 - 3:00 pm
Rowe Town Hall

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

Present: Chair Wilson and Vice-Chair Susan Gleason, Selectman Walt Quist and Administrative Clerk Janice Boudreau
Vice-Chair Gleason via remote participation

Audience: Jodi Brown, Rosie Gordon, Jenn Morse, Buster Reed, Robin Reed

Motion to Convene Meeting:

Chair Wilson made a motion to convene the meeting at 3:00 pm with Vice-Chair Gleason participating via remote participation. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was voted upon:
Chair Wilson: aye
Selectman Quist: aye
Vice-Chair Gleason joined via remote participation at 3:02 p.m.

Old Business:

Fire Department Issues: Chair Wilson opened the meeting with the discussion about the situation with the Fire Department and asked Select Board Members to offer suggestions.

- Vice-Chair Gleason thought that it would be good to hire an outside Consultant who could assess the situation and help in an objective manner. She further stated that the Consultant needed to come in and look at a/. Personnel and rank b/. Equipment c/. Structure of the Stipends

- It was agreed that there was a need to find a way to get enlistment of former firefighters as well as new enlistments for work other than fighting fires that is very much needed.

- Following discussion, Fire Department Liaison, Selectman Quist, agreed to contact the MA Call Volunteer Association to ask whether there was someone who could help and provide an unbiased viewpoint

- Selectman Quist thought that once the Chief retired that a temporary person be appointed to respond appropriately

- There was discussion about the Deputy Chief, Brandon Sprague, with the assistance of Ian Boyd, performing administrative duties

- There was discussion about the importance of recordkeeping and tracking training and maintenance schedules

- Concerns in Priority are:
    - Safety

- Communication
- Training
- Equipment
- Paperwork
- Plans
- Commonality of Issues with area Fire & Police Departments

- Chair Wilson said to think about hiring an administrator to handle Police, Fire and Emergency Departments as the level of paperwork required by the State is increasing.

Audience:

- Buster Reed raised the issue about having a suitable location for the Life Flight to land and was agreed to do research to see how much land would be required to meet standards

Vice-Chair Gleason ended remote participation at 3:50 p.m.

Adjournment:

Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau

August 13, 2014

Approval Date: _____

Approved: _____
Marilyn Wilson, Chair

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Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair

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Walt Quist, Selectman

Attachments:

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