Town of Rowe - FY 2015
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday March 25, 2015 – 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 Quist and Administrative Clerk Janice Boudreau

Audience: Dennis May, Jack Packard, Julie Shippee

Minutes:

Motion to accept Minutes of March 18, 2015: Upon review, a motion was made by Chair Wilson to accept the Minutes of March 18, 2015 as written. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was accepted. (2/0/1)

New Business

1. Police Chief Questions Regarding Signs:

   a/. Police Chief Julie Shippee asked Select Board Members to consider whether she could add additional signage at the Dam No. 5 area to eliminate parking which was causing a safety hazard. Permission would first have to be obtained from the landowner before installation.

Motion to Authorize: Chair Wilson made a motion to authorize Police Chief Shippee to obtain additional signs following landowner permission as she sees fit. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

   b/. Police Shippee reported she was researching the speed limit signs in town to make certain that they were properly posted and that it might involve having an engineering study.

Motion to Authorize: Chair Wilson made a motion to authorize Police Chief Shippee to explore issue of properly posting speed limit signage and find out the cost of an engineering study if required due to the scenic road designation. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

2. Fire Dept. Issues – Selectman Quist: Selectman Quist discussed the possible use of DPW equipment for Fire Department. There was discussion about the method of departments obtaining fuel and who should have access keys.

3. Green Communities Grant Application: Jack Packard and Walt Quist of the Rowe Energy Committee presented an overview of the proposed projects for saving the Town money and reducing carbon emissions by applying for Green Communities Competitive Energy Grants. Of primary concern was proper insulation and weatherization for town buildings and installing more energy efficient heating units.

Motion to Sign : Following review, Chair Wilson made a motion to sign the Green Communities Competitive Grant Application for 2015 . The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

4. Winter Recovery Assistance Program: MA Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) sent Rowe a one-time contract allowing Rowe to be reimbursed for up to $21,958.00 of roadway repairs resulting from this year's harsh winter and completed by June 30, 2015 under the Winter Recovery Assistance Program.

Motion to Sign: Following review, Chair Wilson made a motion to sign the MA Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) contract one-time contract allowing Rowe to be reimbursed for up to $21,958.00 of roadway repairs resulting from this year's harsh winter to be completed by June 30, 2015.

Elevator Maintenance Service Cooperative Bid**:** Chair Wilson presented the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Cooperative bid Elevator Maintenance Service Agreement Contract bid that would be a cost reduction to the town.

Motion to Sign: Following review, Chair Wilson made a motion to sign the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Cooperative bid Elevator Maintenance Service Agreement Contract bid. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Old Business

1. Budget Items: Budget items under the Select Board's purview were reviewed and discussed. Chair Wilson said she had requested Departments to cut their budget since there was a shortfall. It was agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau

Approval Date: April 22, 2015

Approved:

Marilyn Wilson, Chair

Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair

Walter J. Quist, Selectman

Attachments:

- Agenda 3/25/15
- Invitation to Join Cooperative Bid (FRCOG) – (2 pages)
- MA DOT – Winter Recovery Assistance Program