Rowe Finance Committee Rowe Town Hall March 20, 2025

Present: Finance Committee (FC) Chair, Dan Pallotta, Vice-Chair, Marilyn Wilson, Loretta Dionne,

Wayne Zavotka, Sue Gleason

Board of Selectmen Chair (BOS) Joanne Semanie, Bill Baker School Committee (SC) Chair, Susie Zavoka, Matt Stein

Town Administrator, Brooke Shulda

Dan opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

The particulars of the omnibus budget were reviewed. A discussion ensued re: the request from the Planning Board members to receive a stipend. A motion was made to agree to the request by Marilyn, seconded by Wayne, Dan recused himself due to his wife being on the PB. 4 ayes.

A discussion ensued re: the Town Clerk's request to have an increase in the stipend for that office. It was agreed that that stipend should reflect the number of elections each year, as every year is different. and thus this item should be a separate Article on the Town Meeting Warrant. Wayne moved to not grant the request; Sue seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

The General Government budget requests were reviewed. Loretta moved to accept this, Wayne seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

Wayne moved to approve \$30,000.00 for the Reserve Fund; Sue seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

A quote was received for the tree clean-up all around town in the aftermath of the recent snow and ice storm. It was pointed out that this project would have to go out to bid and a minimum of 3 bids should be received. The quote was for \$146,500.00. It was also stated that due to the timing, this item would have to be on a Special Town Meeting.

Loretta moved to accept the budget requests from the Highway Department, Sue seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

Marilyn moved to accept the Public Safety budget requests, Wayne seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

Loretta moved to accept the Health & Safety budget request, Sue seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

Some numbers are outstanding from the School & so this was put off until later.

Sue moved to accept the Library budget requests, Loretta seconded the motion, 5 aves.

Wayne moved to accept the Park budget requests, Marilyn seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

Loretta moved to accept the Beautification budget request, Sue seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

The Pension & Insurance lines will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Capital Improvement requests were reviewed and will be discussed in depth later.

Marilyn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, Loretta seconded the motion, 5 ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Wilson

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