

Town of Rowe – FY2007
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee
Minutes – Monday, July 10, 2006 – 6:30pm

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Myra Carlow, Sheila Furgerson and Susan Wood; Town Coordinator Ellen Babcock. Finance Committee members Bill Loomis (Chair), Jean Atwood, Bill Baker and Cindy Laffond.

The meeting was convened to discuss a Reserve Fund Transfer for the Legal Expenses Account. The RFT had been tabled previously by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee queried the Selectmen about recent transfers that have taken place. The original appropriation for the Legal Expenses account was \$6K. On February 7th, an additional \$6K was added. Now there is an additional request for \$859.12. No information has been forthcoming from the Selectmen. In addition, on April 7th a \$2,400 RFT request was approved for a new "Settlements & Judgments" account but no information was given to the Finance Committee concerning the matter. The Selectmen stated that they could not discuss the matter.

Mr. Loomis then read from a document from Treasury Warrant #23 concerning a payment on that warrant. Chair Carlow asked where he had gotten the document. Ms. Babcock stated that he had come into her office this previous Friday, July 8th, and requested a copy of it. Ms. Babcock contacted DOR Rep Joe Boudreau who stated that yes, it was a matter of public record and that the Chair of the Finance Committee could have a copy. Chair Carlow asked Ms. Babcock why she called Joe Boudreau about the matter instead of her. Ms. Babcock stated she routinely contacts Mr. Boudreau about town financial matters. Ms. Babcock stated that the Treasury Warrant was signed by the Selectmen [at an open meeting] and it did not indicate in any way that it was a confidential document.

Chair Carlow stated that the matter at hand could not be discussed in open session per Town Counsel. Chair Loomis asked if there was a signed agreement saying that the Selectmen can't discuss the matter. Chair Carlow stated yes. At this point Chair Carlow stated that in order to discuss this matter further, the Boards would need to go into Executive Session.

Executive Session: By roll call vote...*Carlow: yes, Furgerson: yes, Wood: yes, Loomis: yes, Baker: yes, Atwood: yes, and Laffond: yes...* the Selectmen and Finance Committee voted to go into Executive Session at 6:51pm to discuss this matter, and to reconvene in open session. [All audience members and the Town Coordinator left the meeting room.]

Return to Open Session: The Board returned to open session. [Chair Carlow took minutes of the reconvened session.]

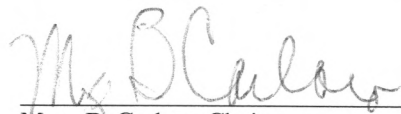
Municipal Relief Transfer: The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to transfer \$800 from the Refuse Garden Operations account to the Board of Health Operations account. The Finance Committee concurred with the transfer.

Reserve Fund Transfers: The Finance Committee voted unanimously to the following Reserve Fund Transfers:

Building Inspection Fees & Reimbursements	\$ 45.10
Dump Attendant Wages	\$ 10.08
Legal Expenses	\$ 859.12

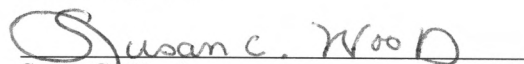
Above portion respectfully submitted,
Ellen L. Babcock

Approved:



Myra B. Carlow, Chair

Sheila Furgerson



Susan C. Wood