

Town of Rowe – FY2008  
Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee  
Minutes – Thursday, January 10, 2008 – 6:00pm

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**Call to order:** The Selectboard and Finance Committee each called the meetings of their respective boards to order at 6pm.

**Present:** Selectmen Myra Carlow and Susan Wood; Town Coordinator Ellen Babcock  
Finance Committee members Bill Loomis, Cindy Laffond and Cara Morano

**Absent:** Finance Committee member David Dvore

It was agreed that Finance Committee Chair Loomis would chair the meetings during budget discussions of elected boards, and Selectboard Chair Carlow would chair the discussions of committees and departments under the Selectboard's jurisdiction.

The following boards/commissions/departments presented their respective budgets:

- **Library** (Ellynn Packard, Melissa Quinn & Jodi Brown) – Increase of 2.72% for wages for FY09. New Roof: Obtaining 3 estimates. Leaking now. Roof was put on in 1973...it's 35 years old.  
**To do list:** Prepare wish list for Finance Committee; obtain quotes for plumbing repairs.  
**CIP:** Update #130 (roof) with correct info.
- **Planning Board** (Ellynn Packard) – Level funded. Increase legal fees (from \$2K to \$4K) for review of new bylaws. Goal Post Ops decreased \$2K.
- **Council on Aging** (Sandy Daviau, Jodi Brown, Ellynn Packard) – Level funded.
- **Beautification** (Nancy Brown, Jodi Brown) – National Grid grant states that Certified Arborist needs to be present during tree plantings. Cost of arborist unknown. Soils and fertilizers not covered by grant. Checking state bid list for nurseries. Would like to pay volunteers for their time/labor (watering, weeding, etc.).  
**To do list:** Provide documentation for \$3K increase; obtain estimate from Jim Taylor re DPW's time, materials used for the town's matching portion of the grant project; obtain details re volunteers they would like to pay...# of hours, etc.
- **Building Inspector** (Bill Foster) – Level funded.
- **Fire Department** (Ed May) – Increased 2.4%. Need another \$5K for Wessman cistern fire pond project. Need \$25K to \$100K for Municipal Center Emergency Generator (scope of project needs to be determined). Future Hwy Equipment line can be eliminated from budget as item is on CIP.
- **EMS** (no show) – Decreased \$1K. New EMT expected in FY08 did not materialize.
- **Police** (no show) – Wages up 2.3% - Ops up 2.21%...Overall increase 2.28%.  
**CIP:** Update cruiser info. Now 7 years old. Purchased in May 2001 for \$35K. Replace in 2011...not 2014.
- **Old Home Day** (Myra Carlow, Ellynn Packard) – Decreased from \$4740 to \$4000.
- **Conservation Commission** (no show) – Level funded.
- **Veterans' Agent** (Jim Brown) – No budget submitted. Will submit for Jan 14 meeting. May need more \$. Would like to have a get-together with all Rowe vets and spouses. Will get list of current veterans from Town Clerk.

The Finance Committee ended its meeting.

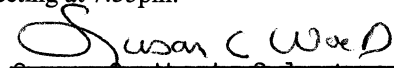
The Selectboard continued with the following items:

- Ms. Babcock to try schedule two meetings...one for Wed, Jan 16, 2008 at 5:00pm or later for Selectboard to meet with Town Accountant, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Auditor. If Auditor cannot make meeting, still go ahead with others.
- Selectboard meet with Bob Mitchell of Yankee Atomic on Wed, Jan 23, 2008 at 5:00pm or later. Selectboard may go into Executive Session at end of meeting.

**Adjournment:** The Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen L. Babcock

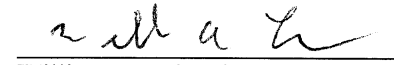
Approved:

  
Susan C. Wood, Selectman

  
Myra B. Carlow, Selectboard Chair James D. Brown  
Selectman

                      
Jane 24, 2008

Date Approved

  
William Loomis, Finance Committee Chair