Rowe Finance Committee
August 21, 2017
6:00 P.M.
Rowe Town Hall

Finance Committee: Chair Wayne Zavotka, Loretta Dionne, Paul McLatchy III, Chuck Sokol
Audience of Citizens: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Zavotka at 6:02 P.M., a quorum of the committee present.

Minutes: The minutes of July 26th and July 31st were approved as submitted, with minor typographical errors corrected.

Special Town Meeting Recommendations: On each of the following eleven warrant articles, a motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Dionne, and passed unanimously to recommend to the voters:

***ARTICLE 1**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY18 Board of Health Operations the sum of $87.19 for a bill of prior year consisting of supplies purchased in FY17, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay for bills received after the deadline to submit FY17 invoices

***ARTICLE 2**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY18 Board of Health Operations the sum of $450.00 for a bill of prior year consisting of services purchased in FY17, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay for bills received after the deadline to submit FY17 invoices

***ARTICLE 3**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY18 Board of Health Operations the sum of $84.50 for a bill of prior year consisting of supplies purchased in FY17, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay for bills received after the deadline to submit FY17 invoices

***ARTICLE 4**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY18 Fire Department Operations the sum of $38.90 for a bill of prior year consisting of supplies purchased in FY17, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay for bills received after the deadline to submit FY17 invoices

***ARTICLE 5**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Special Projects Bridge Rehabilitation Program the sum of $6,775.00 for a bill of prior year consisting of required inspections for Pelham and Mill Pond dams hired in FY17, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay for bills received after the deadline to submit FY17 invoices

***ARTICLE 6**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from General Administration the sum of $64.00 for a bill of prior year consisting of supplies purchased in FY17, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay for bills received after the deadline to submit FY17 invoices

***ARTICLE 7**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY18 Park Operations to FY18 Park Wages the sum of $800.00 to pay for the cost of the Park Swimming Instruction Course, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: The Park hired a swimming instructor as an employee for insurance coverage. Formerly this service was provided by an outside vendor and paid through the vendor warrant.

***ARTICLE 8**: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Hall Generator Stabilization Account the amount of $50,531.96 for the purpose of installing generators at Town Hall and Highway Garage, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: These funds are located in a separate stabilization account, voted at the 1/11/16 STM.

Appropriations from a stabilization fund require a two-thirds vote

***ARTICLE 11:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Account the amount of $17,500.00 to replace the Fire Department Heating System, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: The Fire Dept. boilers are 30 years old, inefficient, unreliable and had been scheduled for replacement in FY17 on the Capital Improvement Project.

Appropriations from a stabilization fund require a two-thirds vote

***ARTICLE 12:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Account the amount of $90,000.00 for a Highway Truck , or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: The DPW request replacement for the 2010 Ford F-550 due to repeated problems with hydraulics and unable to find parts for service and the body is rusting out.

Appropriations from a stabilization fund require a two-thirds vote

***ARTICLE 13:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Stabilization Account the amount of $7,000.00 to repair the electrical system in Engine 4, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: Due to repeated problems with Engine 4, rewiring of the electrical system is needed as it is unreliable.

Appropriations from a stabilization fund require a two-thirds vote

On Article 10 (listed below), a motion was made by Mr. Sokol and seconded by Ms. Dionne to not make any recommendation as it does not fall within the purview of the Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

***ARTICLE 10**: To see if the town will vote to have the Select Board act as the Municipal Light Board and further to authorize the Select Board, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, section 21, to place the following question on the ballot for the Annual Town Meeting:*

Shall the town vote to have its selectmen act as the Municipal Light Board?
_____ *Yes* _____ *No*

On Article 9 (listed below), a motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Dionne, and passed unanimously to have the following wording printed: "The Finance Committee abstains from considering recommendation at this time, desiring more information".

***ARTICLE 9**: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the DPW Road Reclamation Stabilization Account the amount of $76,574.38 for the purpose of engineering work and repairs on Yankee Road, or take any action in relation thereto.*

Explanation: These funds are located in a separate stabilization account

Appropriations from a stabilization fund require a two-thirds vote

Due to Chair Zavotka's planned absence at the Special Town Meeting (due to prior commitments), it was agreed that Mr. Sokol would serve as the "point person" for any issues that might arise pertaining to the Finance Committee's recommendations.

Next Meeting: The Finance Committee will meet with the Selectboard, Accountant, and Board of Assessors on Monday, August 28th at 6:00.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mr. Sokol and seconded by Ms. Dionne to adjourn. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the meeting was closed at 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul McLatchy III, Secretary

Approved on: 11/1/17

Wayne A Zavotka
Wayne Zavotka, Chairman

Paul McLatchy III, Secretary

Loretta Dionne
Loretta Dionne, Member

Chuck Sokol, Member

Attachments:

- Special Town Meeting Draft Warrant