

Rowe Finance Committee  
Rowe Town Hall January 30, 2025

Present: Finance Committee (FC) Chair, Dan Pallotta, Vice-Chair, Marilyn Wilson, Loretta Dionne, Wayne Zavotka, Sue Gleason  
Board of Selectmen (BOS) Chair, Joanne Semanie, Bill Baker  
Town Administrator, Brooke Shulda  
Highway Superintendent, Lance Larned, Library Director, Molly Lane  
Town Treasurer, Ben Gelb, Town Clerk, Kevin Balawick, Rosie Gordon via Zoom

Dan called the meeting to order at 6pm. Marilyn moved that the meeting minutes of Dec. 19, 2024 and Jan. 9, 2025 be approved as written. Sue seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Ben stated that the cost of health insurance was going up dramatically: HMO 18% & PPO 20%

Lance presented his budget. Five new, older employees will be sought to do the work that the Grasshoppers had done in the past. However, these employees will be able to use machinery.

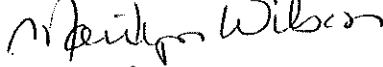
There is also a need for a new plow & the current estimate is \$170,000. Due to the fact that this type of machinery & equipment comes from Canada & that 25% tariffs are due to be put on Canadian goods, this number is expected to be much higher.

Molly presented the library's budget requests. It has been decided to combine the winter snow clearing position at the library with the Town's custodian position. The feasibility study is coming along well.

Kevin presented the Town Clerk's budget along with the request for higher pay for both the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk as the work load is much greater than he was told it would be.

Brooke talked about the Council on Aging. Dan pointed out that there is money available from the State but that there must be an accounting of participation. Marilyn suggested a sign-in sheet at each event and that we could then find and contact the appropriate State agency with this information so that we do not leave money on the table.


Dan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Loretta seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,   
Marilyn Wilson

Dan Pallotta 

Loretta Dionne 

  
Sue Gleason

  
Wayne Zavotka

Marilyn Wilson  
