

Town of Rowe
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Sokol, Vice-Chair Semanie, Selectman Silva
ALSO PRESENT: Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau, Administrative Assistant Brooke Shulda
AUDIENCE: Finance Committee: Loretta Dionne, Marilyn Wilson, Dan Pallotta, Lauren Werner
Terry Green, Superintendent Lance Larned and Rick Williams

Call to Order: Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 6:04PM

Announcement of recording devices: One

Noteworthy Announcements: None

JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Meeting with Superintendent Larned re: DPW Budget

Details regarding the Highway Dept. were discussed including wages and their compensation and Grades and Steps from the Wages and Salaries Chart. There was discussion about the Summer Youth Program and its funding. Superintendent noted that there were not enough youth to have a program as well as a Supervisor. He was planning to maintain the roadsides by renting equipment for that purpose.

Town Administrator Position:

The Board of Selectmen discussed their decision to change the Executive Secretary position to the title Town Administrator and have it be a 40 per hour a week position. Grade N – Step 7. It was agreed to increase the salary to \$72,051.20.

Maintenance Position:

The Board of Selectmen discussed adding a maintenance position for 16 hours per week to perform maintenance and preventative maintenance to the town buildings. The Finance Committee agreed to the plan.

School Discussion:

There was discussion about Mohawk Trail School District contract and the increase to \$26,692.00 per student with a 36% increase this year for the Rowe assessment. There was discussion about seeking alternative options for the future.

Gracy House:

There had been discussion about whether to restore or demolish the Gracy House due to the funds it would take to bring it back up to being a usable space, Chair Pallotta suggested adding a warrant article 'to develop specifications and estimate for removal of the Gracy House' to see if the matter can be resolved.

Assessors' Overlay Account Funds:

Assessors' Chair Rick Williams said that due to resolving some of the Appellate Tax Board issues, the Board of Assessors voted to release \$250,000.00 from the Assessors Overlay Surplus Account. There was discussion about how best to use the funds.

Future Meetings:

The next Board of Selectmen meeting would be February 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie was accepted. (vote: 2-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date:

Approved: *Mar 4, 2023*



Chuck Sokol, Chair



Ed Silva, Selectman



Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Documents:

1. Agenda April 4, 2023
2. FY24 Budget Draft