

## **TOWN OF ROXBURY      REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Clare St. John, Vice-Chair Shane Ryan and Road Commissioner Dave McShane

STAFF: Selectboard Assistant Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC: Rene & Mary Bouchard, Gerry D'Amico, Cheryl & Bill Cecil, Jane Pincus, Terry & Carol Edwards, Jack Cashman, Jill George, Ryan Zajac, Heidi Albright and Ed Carney

The Roxbury Selectboard held a public informational hearing by electronic means on Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 10:04 a.m. to 10:31 a.m.

Clare informed the attendees of the rules of the meeting. Clare asked the attendees if there was a specific article they were interested in. Most said no but Jill George wanted to discuss Article 10, Gerry D'Amico wanted to discuss the reappraisal and Jack Cashman did not have a specific article but did mention the Cemetery Commission.

Clare proceeded to read each article.

- Art. 2. Will the voters approve the collection of taxes on real estate in four (4) equal installments on August 13, 2021, November 12, 2021, February 11, 2022 and May13, 2022, with interest of one half percent (0.5%) per month, or fraction thereof, on the unpaid taxes after each installment due date? No discussion.
- Art. 3. Will the voters approve the sum of \$620,597.00 for the operation and maintenance of Town roads? No discussion.
- Art. 4. Will the voters approve the sum of \$241,635.00 for the operation of the Town Administrative functions? This does not include any funds that may be approved in any other article. No discussion.
- Art. 5. Will the voters approve the sum of \$2,500.00 to be administered by the Cemetery Commission for tree removal and stump grinding at town cemeteries? No discussion.
- Art. 6. Will the voters approve the sum of \$31,750.00 for the Roxbury Free Library, to be administered by the Trustees, with any excess to be directed to the Town's general fund at the conclusion of the fiscal year? No discussion.
- Art. 7. Will the voters approve the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department Truck Capital Account? No discussion.
- Art. 8. Will the voters approve the sum of \$16,330.00 for the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department's operating expenses, with any excess to be directed to the Town's general fund at the conclusion of the fiscal year? No discussion.
- Art. 9. Will the voters approve the sum of \$12,000.00 for the Fire Department Equipment Fund? These funds will be used to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). No discussion.
- Art. 10. Will the voters authorize the Selectboard to purchase the property located at 1592 Roxbury Road owned by Amedeo Santi, Luther Santi, Caitlyn Santi and Penny Brown and the property located at 1556 Roxbury Road owned by

Amedeo Santi for a Village Park by negotiation with the owners, or if necessary by eminent domain, and to borrow up to \$250,000.00 to be repaid in equal installments over ten years for said purchase, including legal fees, and removal of any structures there on as deemed necessary by the Selectboard?

Jill George asked who submitted the article and the reason for the article. Clare stated Tom Frazier submitted the article; Jill did not need an answer to her second question. It was mentioned that Tom Frazier feels it is an appropriate act to take. Terry Edwards asked about the \$250,000. It was mentioned that Tom Frazier felt it would cost this amount with fair market value of properties, legal and clean-up. Jane Pincus asked about not requiring signatures on petitions. Clare stated that due to the pandemic, signatures were not required on petitions. Jane feels it is disturbing, not best way to approach the situation. Terry Edwards mentioned ordinances. Wondered why State hadn't done anything. Clare stated the Board had sent out a survey regarding a junkyard ordinance. There is no deadline on submitting the petition.

- Art. 11. Shall the voters of Roxbury approve the sum of \$429.00 to Green Mountain Transit? No discussion.
- Art. 12. Shall town vote to give \$1,000.00 to the Roxbury Food Shelf to pay their expenses to the Vermont Food Bank. (Australian Ballot) No discussion.
- Art. 13. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure of \$500.00 for The Greater Northfield Senior Citizens, Inc., d/b/a Northfield Senior Center? No discussion.
- Art. 14. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure of \$500.00 for the Capstone Community Action, Inc.? No discussion.
- Art. 15. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice in the amount of \$1,250.00? No discussion.
- Art. 16. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Family Center of Washington County in the amount of \$200.00? No discussion.
- Art. 17. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the amount of \$500.00? No discussion.
- Art. 18. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Good Beginnings of Central Vermont in the amount of \$100.00? No discussion.
- Art. 19. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for People's Health and Wellness Clinic in the amount of \$300.00? No discussion
- Art. 20. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$250.00? No discussion.
- Art. 21. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Central Vermont Council on Aging in the amount of \$900.00? No discussion.
- Art. 22. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter) in the amount of \$100.00? No discussion.
- Art. 23. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Prevent Child Abuse Vermont in the amount of \$200.00? No discussion.

- Art. 24. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team for Washington County) in the amount of \$200.00? No discussion.
- Art. 25. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education in the amount of \$600.00? No discussion.
- Art. 26. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Good Samaritan Haven in the amount of \$400.00? No discussion.
- Art. 27. Shall the voters authorize expenditure for Community Harvest of Central Vermont in the amount of \$250.00? No discussion.
- Art. 28. Shall the voters authorize expenditure for Vermont Family Network in the amount of \$250.00? No discussion.

Gerry D'Amico asked about the reappraisal, noticed there was no prelude to Town Meeting, Reports of Officers. The CLA/COD was discussed. Gerry asked about the new officers – Matt Lipschutz and Janine Manninen. Tammy explained Matt has lived in East Roxbury for a couple of years (Matt is new Auditor) and Janine has experience with animals. Clare mentioned that Matt attended a Selectboard Meeting when the Board was concerned about the lack of Auditors and Town Report. Matt volunteered to be Auditor.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant  
Approved on April 19, 2021