

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: Ed Carney, Mike Feiner, Tom Frazier, Kristin Getler, Nicholas Laskovski, Rhett Williams, Chris Dorer-Williams, Carl Ellis, Derek Moretz, Gerry D'Amico, Jack & Wendy Cashman, Ryan Zajac, Tim Marin and Roberto Abele

The Roxbury Selectboard held a public informational hearing by electronic means on Monday, March 1, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.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 Tim Martin and Tom Frazier wanted to discuss Article 10 and Roberto Adele wanted to discuss budget.

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?

Tim Martin asked why the Selectboard didn't do more homework before putting this on the ballot. He felt it embarrassed the whole town, town is being laughed at, owner doesn't even want to sell. Why didn't the Board do more homework, there is no possible way that it could happen. Clare stated that the Board did do their homework, petitions are not required to have article on warning and Mr. Santi was contacted. The Board was not pushed to do anything and did what was asked within the rights of the person that asked for it to be on. No idea if house is on historical register. Tom Frazier talked about the article. The article does not say it will be demolished. Negotiating beforehand, Mr. Santi wants \$300,000. Tom Frazier discussed eminent domain which is fair market value.

- 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.

Roberto Abele asked about the insurance in the general government budget, why did it double. Tammy explained there is a typo on the heading, the last column is the new budget. The insurance actually lowered because it went from a two-person plan to a one-person plan.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant
Approved on April 19, 2021