

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2021  
7:04PM – 8:21PM  
THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AT COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Vice-Chair Shane Ryan and Road Commissioner Dave McShane

STAFF PARTICIPATING: Selectboard Assistant Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC: Nina Govoni, Janine Manninen, Tom Frazier, Casimir Vaicaitis, Lynn Butler, Sean Cummings, Ed Carney, Hanneke Holderbach, Mark Holderbach, Dottie Guiffre and Nicholas Laskovski

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Acting Chair Dave Mcshane.
2. No additions to agenda but the Board deleted the discussion on Draft Junkyard Ordinance due to the absence of Chair Clare St. John.
3. Roxbury Donor's Fund Park Development Committee – see attached report

Ed Carney spoke on behalf of the Park Committee. Dottie Guiffre brought a poster showing the proposed plans for the park. The committee has received donation of trees and plants for the borders of the park which would be planted in the spring. In planning the park, the committee took into consideration the people's ideas. Estimate amount to be raised is \$45,000. The Park has received offers for volunteering. The Park will be ADA accessible. Grants are being looked into. The Board had no issues with putting a poster up in park. Dave moved to allow Park Committee to post their sign and start seeking donations. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. Janine Manninen asked about a Doggie Bag Station. The committee had not thought about that; Janine offered to sponsor the Doggie Bag Station.

4. Dog/Noise Complaint – Janine Manninen

Dave stated that several people had visited the area. When Dave attended, very little noise was heard. Casimir Vaicaitis read his statement, see attached. Shane stated that he went up during the day and in the morning. He heard very little noise. He also visited Janine; dogs were barking but it was not overwhelming. Dave stated that Clare had also visited the area; he read her statement that she had submitted to the Board, see attached. The Board had requested the Selectboard Assistant, Tammy Legacy, to visit the area. Dave read Tammy's notes on her two visits to the area, see attached. The Board had sought legal advice regarding the Town's Dog Ordinance. In the opinion of the attorney, the ordinance is valid, other town's use the same type of language; *Frequent, habitual or persistent barking or howling* is not unreasonably vague. Tom Frazier asked about an Act 250 Permit; Janine stated that she is in the process of getting an Act 250 Permit. Dave moved to put Janine Manninen complaint to rest with no action taken. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. This does not preclude any involvement with Act 250.

5. Public

- a) Tom Frazier asked for a follow-up of the proposed cemetery project. Tom stated he has concerns about the project and wants the Board to make sure the Board represents the Town in this issue. Tom also is not happy with the road project on Warren Mountain Road.

6. Nicholas Laskovski Request – Nicholas talked to the Board about ways to slow down the traffic on Warren Mountain Road and Route 12A. Nicholas stated the Speed Limit Radar Signs would cost about \$3,000 each. Nicholas wondered if the Town could purchase the signs. Dave stated they would need to be budgeted for and Dave will look into it. It was stated the Sherriff does focus on Route 12A and Warren Mountain Road. There was a discussion on seeing if the Town could borrow one from the Washington County Sherriff. Shane offered to contact the Washington County Sherriff to see if the Board could borrow a sign.

7. Road Commissioner's Report

- a) Roads are not terrible.
- b) Equipment is in good shape.
- c) Drown Road Request – A property owner would like to do some improvements in the Town's Right-of-Way in hopes of getting a house in the future. This section of the road is a Class IV. Dave moved to allow work to be done on Class IV section of Drown Road. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
- d) Highway Grants
  - 1. The Highway Structures Grant is under way. Weather permitting, it should be done on time.
  - 2. The Town received two grants from Agency of Transportation. Another Structures Grant on Warren Mountain Road above Shaw Road. A Class 2 Grant which starts tomorrow consists of underdrain, guardrails and gravel. This grant is on Warren Mountain Road. The Board approved the grants. Dave signed both grant agreements.
- e) Nicholas Laskovski mentioned the culverts in front of his property on Warren Mountain Road near Shaw Road.

8. Financial Report

- a) The orders were reviewed. Dave moved to approve orders with add-ons (first installment of taxes to the Montpelier Roxbury School District and a tax overpayment to a property owner). The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
- b) Tammy updated the Board on income received.

9. Unfinished Business

- a) Dave stated that the Emerald Ash Borer is in Berlin and is probably in Roxbury. The Outreach & Education Coordinator from VT Urban & Community Forestry Program informed the Board about Berlin. There are many Ash trees in the Town's Right-of-Way. The Board is concerned and will continue to put this topic on the agenda. The first step could be to have the Town take the trees down with homeowners' approval before they get infected.

(Resource for public is [www.vtinvasives.org](http://www.vtinvasives.org) – Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive insect that attacks and kills 99% of all 3 species of ash found in Vermont)

10. New Business

- a) Nicholas Laskovski Request was discussed earlier in meeting.
- b) CV Fiber – CV Fiber request every member (community) make available for lease to the district one or more sites for a communications plant of components thereof within such member municipality. (See Attached) The Board discussed possible sites that could be available to CV Fiber.
- c) The Board was invited to the Grand Opening of the Roxbury Fish Culture Station. The Fish Culture Station was damaged in Tropical Storm Irene.

11. Other Business

- a) Dave mentioned VLCT Town Fair. Dave moved to appoint Tammy as Town Representative. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

12. Dave moved to approve minutes of August 2, 5, and 12 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

13. Executive Session – Not Necessary

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant    Approved on September 7, 2021