

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2021
7:01PM – 8:49PM
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: Ed Carney, Elizabeth Carney, Tim Martin, Sean Cummings & Children, Kristen Getler, Rhett Williams and Dave Santi

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. No Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.
3. Public - none
4. Roxbury Park Development Committee

On behalf of the Roxbury Park Development Committee, Ed Carney, requested the Board appoint Jim Rogler and Elizabeth Carney to the committee. That would make it a five-person committee. The committee hopes to have an Arborist visit the park to see which limbs can be removed from the maple tree. The Town has a pole saw that the committee can use. The Lanterns in the Park program may be rescheduled due to weather. With the AARP funds, if approved, the committee may be able to purchase picnic tables. The committee is going to start raising funds for the parks. Based on estimates they receive, the cost will be \$45,000. They would like to make the park functioning for the summer if the funds are not raised. Jane Pincus and family will donate some shrubs. The Friends of the Park may apply for a 501c3 designation. Shane offered to help with his mini excavator. Dave moved to appoint Elizabeth Carney and Jim Rogler to the Park Development Committee. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

5. 2022 Town Meeting – Mailing of Ballots

Kristen Getler, Montpelier Roxbury School Board Member, spoke to the Board about the upcoming Town Meeting. The School Board has been discussing mailing out absentee ballots to all voters. Their goal is to get people to vote. Kristen also mentioned the school budget, impact COVID is having on the school district, making sure staffing is adequate, getting the children where they should be academically and emotionally. Another School Board Member spoke, Rhett Williams mentioned he has only been on the Board a short time. Discussed mailing the ballots. The merger has been beneficial to Roxbury. Running a small school is expensive. There was discussion on cost of postage. Town Clerk, Tammy Legacy, stated she did not think it was necessary, that the voters are adults and if they want a ballot to be mailed to them, they could request one. There are multiple ways of requesting a ballot. Tammy said it would cost \$1.58 to mail each ballot (based on the size and weight of the ballot) But she also did not want to hurt the good relationship Montpelier and Roxbury has by not supporting the mailing to all voters. (Both Montpelier and Roxbury must agree to mail school ballots to all or neither town can mail the school ballot to all) Tammy did state that she does not agree with return postage being added, over 200 ballots did not get returned, many ballots were dropped off in the outside mail slot, hand delivered or brought to the polls. The school would be responsible for postage, programming the tabulator and printing of the ballots. No decision made at this time.

When Dave Santi tried to talk about the junk ordinance at this time, Dave stated the junk ordinance is not on the agenda.

6. Road Commissioner's Report
 - a) Roads are in good shape.
 - b) The 2018 International Truck has transmission line issues, waiting for parts.
 - c) The Board reviewed the Winter Maintenance Policy. Dave moved to approve the Winter Maintenance Policy. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
7. Financial Report
 - a) The orders were reviewed. Dave moved to approve the orders with add-ons (hold the McGee Ford check). The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
8. Unfinished Business
 - a) Emerald Ash Borer – hold until next meeting
 - b) ARPA Funds Update – need to start looking into it, hold until next meeting
 - c) Health Insurance Renewal – The Board reviewed the health insurance renewal, there will be a small increase. Dave moved to approve the MVP Health Care for employees and the MVP Select Care. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
9. New Business
 - a) Land Use Permit for Michelle Acciavatti and Timothy Graves. This proposed permit is for the natural burial ground and funeral home being proposed on Beaver Meadow Road. Any written comments must be submitted by December 22nd. The Board had no objections to the permit.
 - b) Clare St. John submitted her resignation for the Selectboard. Dave moved to accept Clare's resignation. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. Tammy will post a notice of the vacancy
10. Other Business – The Junk Ordinance will be tabled until COVID numbers are better.
11. Approval of minutes – Tim Martin asked for the minutes of October 18, 2021 be amended to reflect what he said he had said. After discussing what Tim would like changed, the Board agreed to allow the following to be added under the Draft Junk Ordinance section.

In my opinion, anyone who would adopt this ordinance the way COVID is now, if common sense was a necessity for breathing, I think they'd die.

Shane moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021 with Tim Martin's statement added and the minutes of November 1, 2021 and November 22, 2021 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
12. The Board discussed the 2022-2023 Budget and the 2022 Town Meeting.
13. Executive Session – Shane moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel with an invitation to Tammy Legacy to join them. The motion was seconded and passed 2 to 0. The Board entered executive session at 8:22 p.m. The Board exited executive session at 8:46 p.m.

By consensus, the Board agreed to give the employees a gratuity of appreciation during COVID.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant
Approved on December 20, 2021