

SPECIAL ROXBURY SELECTBOARD
LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES OF THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022
7:00 PM – 8:34 PM

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Guiffre, Shane Ryan and Dave McShane

HEALTH OFFICERS PRESENT: Craig Sullivan

STAFF PRESENT: Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC PRESENT: Tom Frazier, Gerry D'Amico and Michelle Acciavatti

Health Officer Craig Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

With no objections, Craig turned the running of the meeting over to Jon Guiffre.

The purpose of this meeting of the Local Board of Health is to discuss the proposed natural burial cemetery.

Craig stated that he had researched the information from a health officer position.

The Board would give written permission to have a public cemetery (this permission needs to come from the Local Board of Health and the Selectboard).

Tom Frazier explained the reasons he is opposed to the Board supporting the natural burial cemetery.

Gerry D'Amico explained the reasons he is opposed to the Board supporting the natural burial cemetery.

Michelle Acciavatti explained her proposed project and the history of natural burials.

Michelle's Act 250 Permit was discussed.

Topics that were discussed during this meeting were a dissolution plan, refrigeration unit, test pits, proposed funeral home, cremations, bonding, boundaries, hold harmless agreements, Green Burial Vermont and possibility that the Town would end up taking over the cemetery.

Craig stated he has researched cemeteries and has found no public health concerns.

Craig also stated he does not want as a Board to have unforeseen things come back on the Town. Craig would like clarity for citizens on what could happen if the non-profit doesn't exist. Maybe the lawyers could talk about the project.

Shane stated he would like to see the dissolution plan before the Selectboard votes.

Michelle requested the Town's attorney work with her attorney. Craig agrees this should happen and feels we owe it to the Town to do our due diligence. Green Burial Vermont should be clarified.

Tom stated his focus is to not have the Town responsible for the cemetery.

Dave moved from a health perspective that the Local Board of Health grant permission to operate a cemetery to Vermont Natural Burial. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with 3-0-1 abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Tammy Legacy
Approved on April 18, 2022