

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2022
7:02PM – 8:40PM
THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AT COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Chair Jon Guiffre, Shane Ryan and Road Commissioner Dave McShane

STAFF PARTICIPATING: Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC: Sue Nevins, Carolos Montero, Mike Dickinson, Don Randall, Dave Santi, Tom Frazier, Jack Cashman, Tim Martin, Rene Bouchard, Mary Bouchard, Ben Pincus and Sean Cummings and family

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Dave McShane added Junk Salvage Ordinance to the agenda to be taken up under Other Business. There were no deletions to the agenda.
3. Public
 - a) Don Randall, member of Roxbury's Fire Department and Roxbury's representative at the Capital Fire Mutual Aid meetings spoke to the Board about the changes that will be happening. Capital Fire Mutual Aid needs to replace their radio equipment and system. There are twenty-seven Towns that are members. The State has offered a 3.2 million dollar grant but this is a one-time offer. Two possible options for funding are #1: every Town pays the same amount, #2: Grand List to equalize amount of money which would be a more equal approach. It was mentioned that Roxbury does not use their services often; about twenty-five calls a year. Seems unfair for Roxbury to pay the same as the larger Towns. Capital Fire has been around for forty years. Some time this summer, a representative from Capital Fire will visit each of the Towns. There will be an increase in their cost for their services but the amount is not known at this time.
 - b) Jack Cashman spoke about the draft minutes of May 16 and the letter that was sent to Vermont Natural Burial. The motion that Dave made in the minutes is not the same as what the letter says. Jon stated he will contact the Town attorney regarding the discrepancy. Jon also stated he is doing the best he can. Tom Frazier stated that the letter was never brought back to the Board to approve and it doesn't cover what Dave's motion was.
4. Road Commissioner's Report
 - a) Dave stated the Town received a request to upgrade a road. Sue Nevins and Carlos Montero along with other property owners on Raynor Road would like the road upgraded to a Class III. Dave stated that prior to approving the upgrade, the road needs to be up to code for Class III roads. Dave will get more information regarding cost of upgrading the road.
 - b) Roads are in good shape.
 - c) Equipment is okay. The backhoe is currently being used, hopefully it won't fail. Backhoe repair was discussed.
 - d) The Board discussed the Municipal Grant-in-Aid. The Board needs to send in a letter of intent to participate. The Town has applied for a Better Roads Grant and along with this grant, more ditching and stone line ditching will be done on Winch Hill Road. Dave moved to have the Board allow him to sign the form and be the primary contact. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

- e) Tom Frazier asked if there were any changes with the garage. No changes.

5. Financial Report

- a) The orders were reviewed. Dave moved to approve the orders with add-on. The motion was seconded and passed with 2 to 0. The add-on is Reynolds & Sons – \$13,771.87 (FD SCBA equipment).
- b) The Board tabled the Approving Refunding Overpaid Taxes.

6. Unfinished Business

- a) ARPA Funds – Dave stated the Board will seek public input on options of what to spend the ARPA funds on. The Board discussed possible ways to get the suggestions. It was mentioned that three Towns have donated \$50,000 each to CV Fiber. There was discussion on differences between CV Fiber and TDS Telecom. Jon feels Roxbury is on the fast track with TDS on getting fiber. Twenty-six Towns are members of CV Fiber. The State is matching donations to CV Fiber.

7. New Business

- a) Town Clerk, Tammy Legacy, submitted the list of owners of unlicensed dogs. There are 28 dogs that are not licensed. Tammy will send out a letter on behalf of the Selectboard requesting the dogs get licensed. If dogs are not licensed, the dogs could be removed from their home. There may be dogs that the Town is unaware of. Dave Santi asked who removed the dead possum from in front of his house. No answer to his question but the Board thinks it should have been the State's responsibility since it was on the State highway.
- b) Town Clerk, Tammy Legacy, advised the Board that if they want the Justice of Peace ballot to be on the General Election ballot, the Board would need to approve sending out the Justice of Peace ballot to all voters. Currently, the State is going to send every voter an absentee ballot for the State Election. If the Board does not approve this, the Town would need to mail the absentee ballots separately if requested by voters. Dave moved to have the Town Clerk have ballots mailed to all voters for Justice of Peace. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
- c) Dave moved to approve the Gateway Sonic Wall. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. The renewal is for a one year license.
- d) Tom Frazier will be taken up after the Abstract Grant List.
- e) The Abstract Grand List was filed. A brief discussion on new and old grand list values.

Tom Frazer – Tom stated he does not think the Board's executive session (on May 16) is in accordance with statutes. (A special meeting was held on June 2nd to correct an error; it should have been a deliberate session not an executive session). Tom does not feel the special meeting to correct the issue is good enough. Tom wants the Board to correct what he thinks is an error and revote on the cemetery issue. If the Board does not, he may take it to the State's attorney. Tom also stated he may submit a Freedom of Information request to the Town on the cemetery issue.

8. Other Business

- a) Dave stated that he asked Tammy to get packets to the Board regarding the draft junk ordinance. He wanted the Board to have copies of the draft junk ordinance, questionnaire that was sent out to taxpayers and results of the questionnaire. Dave Santi became aggressive towards the Board at this time. Jon is new to the Board and was not involved with the draft junk ordinance. The Board will review the packets.

- 9. Approval of minutes – Dave moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

10. Executive Session – Dave Santi asked when the Board comes out of executive session, is it in open forum. Yes, the Board would take action (if necessary). The public can wait and come back when the session is over. Tim Martin asked what the executive session is about. Dave stated the Board will review the applicants for the highway position.

Dave moved to go into executive session with an invitation to Tammy to join us to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded and passed 2 to 0. The Board entered executive session at 8:24 p.m. and exited at 8:37 p.m. By consensus, Dave will set up interviews with the two applicants for the open highway position.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant
Approved on June 20, 2022