

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2022
6:59PM – 8:44PM
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: Robin Freeman, Tom Frazier, Wendy Cashman, Jack Cashman, Arthur Smith, Dotti Guiffre, Rene Bouchard, Mary Bouchard and Sean Cummings and family

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. The Board added Executive Session for legal reasons to the agenda and there were no deletions to the agenda. The Board decided to go into executive session immediately. Members of the public left.

Dave moved to enter into executive session with an invitation to Tammy to discuss a legal matter. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. The Board entered executive session at 7:03 p.m. The Board exited at 7:14 p.m. No decisions made.

3. Vermont Natural Burial – Michelle Acciavatti & Green Burial Vermont
Michelle's attorney, Robin Freeman, spoke to the Board about his clients request for approval. The Board had received letters from Vermont Natural Burial and Green Burial Vermont. Green Burial Vermont is willing to take over the natural cemetery if Vermont Natural Burial no longer existed. Michelle is no longer involved with Green Burial Vermont. Tammy had made copies for the public. The Town received a stack of emails in support of the project. While the public read the letters, Jon said that they would move on to the park committee's request and come back to the cemetery discussion.
4. Roxbury Park Committee Request – Ed Carney reported to the Board about the report from the Norwich students. The tree has been removed. Jon will grind the stump and rototill. The boundary for the property was discussed. The Board suggested a survey be done. Dotti Guiffre received a quote from Rob Townsend (\$2,000 to \$3,000). Dotti had contacted others surveyors but no one returned her call. Improvements to the park were discussed. Discussion on fences and barriers were discussed. Discussion on water the plants were discussed. Dave moved to have Rob Townsend of American Consulting to survey the park and sidewalk for a sum not to exceed \$3,000. The motion was seconded and passed 3 to 0. Ed stated the committee have donors and applied for grants when asked about their finances. The Town paid for the tree removal and will pay for the survey.

3. continuation- There were questions about acreage and number of lots proposed for cemetery and perpetual funds. The Act 250 permit was discussed again. There were concerns about the submitted letters. Questions were asked on the opinion of our attorney on this project. Jon could not answer what the attorney's opinion was. Questions about client/attorney privileges and freedom of information were mentioned. Dave moved to approve (Michelle's request) with conditions. The conditions are: not being responsible for future burials which needs to be written into the deed. The motion was seconded and passed 2 to 0 with one abstention. Mr. Freeman will receive written document from the Board.

5. Public - None

6. Road Commissioner's Report

- a) Roads have been graded a least once.
- b) Equipment discussed. The 2008 Backhoe has died. It would cost more to fix than the machine is worth. Dave is getting prices.
- c) The Town received a \$20,000 Better Back Roads Grant which will be used on Winch Hill Road for stone-line ditching. The Town is hoping to get a Municipal Grants-In-Aid Grant too.
- d) The Sate has reviewed the Sidewalk Scoping Study; they have many comments. Jon stated he is not in favor on Plan a. Dave will send in comments.
- e) Sean Cummings asked about Shaw Road. The road had been widened. Dave said it was temporary so that a landowner could get a new home delivered to their property.

6. Financial Report

- a) The orders were reviewed. Dave moved to approve the orders with add-on. The motion was seconded and passed with 3 to 0. The add-ons are:
 - Montpelier Roxbury School District - \$207,748.00
 - MVP - \$3,898.70
 - Roxbury Country Store - \$1,271.28

7. Unfinished Business

- a) ARPA Funds – Three towns have committed \$50,000 to CV Fiber. The Board discussed CV Fiber and TDS. No decision made.
- b) Green-Up Day – The Town received \$435.00 for tires. Casella will submit bills for trash. Meal for volunteers were on the orders.

8. New Business

- a) Green Mountain Power requested permission for pole and underground wire on West Hill Road. Board discussed request. Dave moved to approve Green Mountain Power's request with correction of Town of Sharon and Town to be notified two weeks prior to construction. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
- b) Tammy stated it is time to renew dental insurance. Dave moved to renew Delta Dental for Town employees. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

9. Other Business - None

- 10. Approval of minutes – Dave moved to approve the minutes of April 18 and May 2, 2022 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant
Approved on June 6, 2022