

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2022
7:00PM – 8:23PM
THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AT COMMUNITY HALL

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

STAFF PARTICIPATING: Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC: Chapin Spencer, Mike Dickinson, Tom Frazier, Dave Santi, Sean Cummings & children, Ed Carney, Rene Bouchard and Mary Bouchard

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Dave requested Notice from Act 250 and Webmaster be added to the agenda.
3. Dave moved to approve minutes of June 20, 2022, July 12, 2022 and July 25, 2022. The motion was seconded.

Rene Bouchard stated he had issues with the minutes as they didn't reference everything that was said after the Board appointed Ryan to fill the Selectboard vacancy. Rene also stated he would have liked to have been interviewed. The Board decided to add at the end of section 12 of the minutes of July 25, 2022 **After that, a discussion was held with Rene Bouchard to explain their decision.** The motion will be to approve the minutes of June 20, 2022 and July 12, 2022 as submitted and the minutes of July 25, 2022 as amended. The motion was seconded and passed 2 to 0 with 1 abstention.

4. ARPA Funds – Roxbury Park

Ed Carney mentioned there are ARPA funds available. He came to the meeting to ask on behalf of the friends of the park. The days of summer are going by and they have volunteers now to help with the park. It would be nice to get things done to celebrate in the fall. Ed mentioned the park will add to the community, goes with the 2022 Town Plan and could be a financial incentive with possible functions like farmers markets and craft sales.

At this time Rene Bouchard started talking about the ARPA committee. The committee had a meeting and will present to the Board. Other things mentioned by Rene was what other towns have done. The committee is planning for a public meeting in late August or early September. They will have a survey to submit for ideas. They will ask the public to rank the top choices. Discussion on whether this survey should go to taxpayers or residents. The Board advised to use the voter and grand list. Also mentioned that there is a deadline for participating in matching funds for broadband. Rene will be speaking with Janel Smith of CV Fiber. Tom Frazier stated that the town needs a new garage and that would be the best idea. The building is not good, roof leaks, no adequate spaces for breakroom and bathroom. He doesn't think funds should be used at the park. Sean Cummings agrees with Tom; park should be done with volunteer labor and donations. Estimated cost for park is \$30,055. Jon stated the Board is 100% aware of the garage and that it needs to be replaced. The Board has been talking about this. Tom stated the funds shouldn't be wasted on CV Fiber. Jon stated that the money should be strategically spent; need to make sure the funds go to the right place. Rene mentioned Steve Twombly had mentioned the town garage and would be willing to help the Board with acquiring land. Dave McShane stated that the funds may not be able to be used on a town garage. There is a list of things that the funds can be used on. Rene mentioned he has been in touch with Nik Laskovski, Roxbury's Energy Coordinator, about solar on town buildings. It was mentioned that at the last meeting the Board discussed fuel costs. The Board stated the garage cannot be renovated. Rene mentioned Nik applied for a grant through CVRPC. Dave Santi asked how much a new town garage would cost? Dave McShane stated about a million dollars. Town garages recently

built came in between 1 to 2 million dollars. Jon talked about type of building being discussed by the Board. It would cost about \$750,000 which does not include installation, foundation and mechanicals. Town share of sidewalk grant is 20%. Tom mentioned Santi's rose bushes need to be trimmed; Dave Santi had already agreed to have the Town trim them off the sidewalk. Rene mentioned speed signs/blinking lights. Also mentioned by Rene was the Town's IT. It was suggested that we review the IT contract prior to renewal with the Board and Rene vis his IT expertise.

5. Public

- a) Chapin Spencer would like to be able to work in the right-of-way on Oxbow Road. He would like to restore the barn and old school house; put a new foundation under both. A crane would be in the road. Dave moved to grant Mr. Spencer permission to block the Oxbow Road for a day or so with a week notice. The motion was seconded and passed 3 to 0.

6. Road Commissioner's Report

- a) Mowing is done; grading is almost done.
- b) New backhoe is coming tomorrow.
- c) Tom Frazier mentioned he thinks there is a lack of ditching and made suggestions on how it should be done.
- d) Grading ditches is being done.

7. Financial Report

- a) The orders were reviewed. Dave moved to approve the orders. The motion was seconded. Tammy mentioned there was an add on of Roxbury Country Store. Dave made an amendment to add the Roxbury Country Store bill. The motion was seconded and passed 3 to 0.
- a) Tammy informed the Board of some income that was received.
- b) Rene Bouchard asked about what a penny on the tax rate brings in. Dave will have that information to him for the next meeting.

8. Unfinished Business – None

9. New Business

- a) The Board discussed a draft quote from New England Municipal Consultants on doing yearly assessing. The role of Listers was discussed. The current reappraisal was paid by funds from the State over the last twelve years. Tammy will ask NEMC to submit a draft contract and Ryan will contact the Town of Newfane who uses their services.

10. Other Business

- a) Notice from Act 250 regarding the Green Mountain Dog Camp. There is a Reconsideration of Act 250 Permit. A permit amendment is required by Green Mountain Dog Camp. The Board wants further notice on this application. Tammy will contact the Environmental Commission. Upon notice from Act 250, the Town will follow up on the permit.
- b) Dave mentioned that any calls and contacts with Town's webmaster should go through the Town Clerk.
- c) Jon introduced the new Selectboard member, Ryan Johns. Ryan mentioned his background and his role on the Selectboard.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.