

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2023  
7:06PM – 8:35PM  
COMMUNITY HALL

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

STAFF PRESENT: Selectboard Assistant Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC PRESENT: Carol Randall, Don Randall, Mike Dickinson, Mary Bouchard, Rene Bouchard, Gerry D'Amico, Dominique Desrochers, Dave Santi, Andre Souigny, Jane Pincus, Ben Pincus, Heidi Albright, Arthur Smith, Yelena Synkova, Sean Cummings and family

VIA ZOOM: Norman Cohen

1. Chair Jon Guiffre called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. No deletions or additions to the agenda.
3. Vermont Declaration of Inclusion – Norman Cohen spoke about the Vermont Declaration of Inclusion that has been adopted by many towns and endorsed by the Governor. Vermont Declaration of Inclusion is a Vermont diversity, equity and inclusion initiative. VLCT and Vermont Chamber of Commerce supports this declaration. There were many comments from the public on this subject. Most were in favor of the declaration but some thought it might just be a feel-good idea that doesn't do anything. No action was taken by the board. They will take it up at the next board meeting.
4. Public
  - A) Heidi Albright spoke in support of the Declaration of Inclusion.
  - B) Dave Santi spoke about a Tree of Liberty and his plans to have papers served on the Town regarding the junk ordinance.
  - C) Rene Bouchard asked the board for an update on what he sent to the board from VLCT. Ryan Johns is meeting with people this week and no one has gotten back to the board regarding safe routes to school.
5. Dave McShane moved to approve the minutes of February 20 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
6. Road Commissioner's Report
  - A) Roads will be posted for mud season.
  - B) Equipment is in good shape.
7. Financial Report
  - A) The Board reviewed the orders. Dave moved to approve the orders. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
  - B) The third installment of taxes is in the amount of \$217,473.00.
8. Unfinished Business
  - A) The Board discussed the unlicensed dogs in 2022. The Board also discussed the current Dog Ordinance and one that is being proposed by the Town attorney. People routinely forget or ignore the requirement to license their dogs

annually. The Legislature is discussing changing the laws on dogs. Suggestions by the public is to get the Constables and Animal Control Officer involved in getting dogs licensed and to send out the rabies flyer to people that have not licensed their dogs. Roxbury does have a leash law. The Board will take public comment on this topic and will take it up at a future meeting. The Board would like to get more information on what the State's plans are.

9. New Business

- A) CFMA – Memorandum of Understanding – Mike Dickinson, Fire Chief and Don Randall spoke to the Board about the memorandum. Mike as Chief will be the delegate and Don Randall, a fire fighter, will be the back-up delegate. After a discussion on the memorandum, Dave moved to have the Town of Roxbury sign the Memorandum of Understanding to Capital Fire Mutual Aid. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
- B) The Board reviewed the RFQ for waste study project. A discussion on qualifications of engineering services, a feasibility study and it would be a forgivable loan. The funds for this project come out of the State's ARPA funds. The actual project would be to create a community wastewater system. Process of the grant was discussed. The Board will work on the RFQ.
- C) Dave moved to approve the tax map maintenance contract with Cartographic. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. The increase is about \$300.
- D) The Board reviewed the liquor and tobacco license application for the Roxbury Country Store. Fees to Town have been paid. Liquor and tobacco licenses are now processed on line. Ryan moved to approve the liquor and tobacco license for the Roxbury Country Store. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
- E) The Board discussed the renewal for Microsoft 365. Ryan moved to approve the Microsoft 365 renewal. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. The increase is \$1 per computer.

10. Other Business - none

11. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant  
Approved on March 6, 2023