

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2023  
7:01PM – 8:46PM  
COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Rene Bouchard and Road Commissioner Dave McShane

STAFF PRESENT: Selectboard Assistant Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ben Pincus, Tom Frazier, Mary Bouchard, Tim Martin, Jane Pincus, Shawn Neun, Dave Santi, Laura Hamilton, John Aberth, Judy Lusk, Carol Edwards, Yelena Synkova, Sean Cummings and family, Mike Dickinson, Don Randall, Carol Randall, Jay Chamberlin and Jerry D'Amico

1. Vice-Chair Rene Bouchard called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Since the entire Board was not present, Rene postponed the ARPA Committee Report.
3. Public
  - A) Tom Frazier asked the Board what the status of the Jones property is on Roxbury Road. Dave McShane mentioned the Town Health Officer has looked into the situation. There was a discussion on the condition of the property and concerns about the condition.
  - B) Dave Santi read some things about local government and gave his opinion on allowing people to speak during Selectboard meetings; he thinks people should be able to speak if they have questions.
  - C) Ben Pincus talked about meetings having agendas and time limits; he agrees to time limits. Dave McShane stated the law requires public time in meetings. The meetings are Selectboard Meetings. Having meetings over early is beneficial. Tom Frazier would like to keep comments to the point but have more participation from the public. Dave Santi wants people to speak as much as they would like to.
  - D) Tim Martin asked about Green-Up Day. Dave McShane stated there will be a dumpster for trash. Tires will be \$6 per tire.
4. Dave moved to approve the minutes of March 27<sup>th</sup> as amended and the minutes of April 3<sup>rd</sup> as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed 2 to 0.
5. Road Commissioner's Report
  - A) Roads are getting better; the road crew will be grading soon.
  - B) There have been some issues with a couple of trucks. The 2016 and 2018 International Trucks are both out of warranty. Repairs have been expensive. The grader has issues but is under warranty.
  - C) The Town received the Better Roads Grant for Steele Hill Road ditching.
  - D) The Town applied for a Municipal Grant-In-Aid.
  - E) Sidewalk Grants are now being accepted. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline. There was a discussion on the cost of the grant. The Town will need to decide if they are going to apply for the grant. The Board will discuss the grant at the next meeting.
  - F) There was a discussion on applying for a municipal septic grant at the same.

- G) Dave stated that Jerry Tabor is willing to sell sand and gravel to the Town for the same price as last year. Rene moved to approve Jerry's request. The motion was seconded and passed 2 to 0.
- H) The Board discussed mowing. Jason's Handiworks submitted a contract to the Town. Dave moved to approve Jason's Handiworks for mowing. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. The amount is \$12,250. The contract covers mowing town properties and cemeteries.

#### 6. Financial Report

- A) The Board reviewed the orders. Dave moved to approve the orders with add-on. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes. The add-on is Roxbury Country Store for diesel and gas.
- B) The Town received \$16,701.43 from the State for quarterly highway payment and \$107.50 for town's portion of traffic tickets.

#### 7. Unfinished Business – None (postponed to the next meeting)

#### 8. New Business

- A) The Board received a letter from the non-profit Community Hall Restoration Group (Roxbury Community Hall-Senior Center Inc.). The letter gives a history of the group and how much money they have. In a reserve fund in the Town's general fund is \$1,884.04 and in their bank account there is \$18,730.00. The letter also stated what they would like the funds to be used on. They would like the bathroom finished, making it accessible and under no circumstances do they want the funds used for a shower; move the present kitchen to the back of the building; build an ADA required access ramp to make accessibility a reality. Some of the people present had issues with the wording of the letter and asked for a new letter be submitted. Jane Pincus, one of the officers, said she would send in a new letter. There was a discussion on who is in charge of deciding what happens with the building and whether there needs to be a shower in the building.
- B) Town Clerk, Tammy Legacy, informed the Board that she received a petition for a reconsideration vote on Article 20. There were enough signatures on the petition.
- C) Town Clerk, Tammy Legacy, submitted a draft warning for the vote. She sought legal advice for the proper wording of the article. She also talked to the Secretary of State's Office for proper procedure of the vote. The hours must be the same as Town Meeting, 10am-7pm and the vote will be by Australian Ballot using the tabulator. She requested the Board approve the date of May 31<sup>st</sup> for the vote. The vote would take place at the Town Office. Absentee Ballots will be sent to all the voters that requested an absentee ballot for Town Meeting.
- D) Dave moved to set the vote of the reconsideration for May 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
- E) Beaver Discussion – John Aberth spoke about beaver baffles. A man named Skip Lisle is willing to look over the area in question. Gerry D'Amico spoke about trapping. Rene Bouchard talked about things he learned from VT Fish & Wildlife (trapping vs not trapping). Tyler Brown is willing to come and give a proposal to the Town. The Board would like Skip and Tyler to come to Town to look over the problem areas. There was a lot of discussion about this topic.

- F) The Board opened the two Statements of Qualifications for Engineering Services. They were from Dubois & King and Otter Creek Engineering. The Board will review and discuss at the next meeting.

11. Other Business

- A) Tom Frazier asked about the request for qualifications. It was explained that this is now the first step to request quotes for engineering projects.

12. No Executive Session was necessary.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant  
Approved on May 1, 2023