

SPECIAL ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2024
6:30 P.M. – 8:25 P.M.
COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Chair Jon Guiffre, Vice-Chair Rene Bouchard and Road Commissioner Dave McShane

STAFF PARTICIPATING: Selectboard Assistant Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC: Dotti Guiffre, Bob Ketchel, Dave Santi and Tom Frazier

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Chair Guiffre stated the Board would need to add Executive Session to the agenda to discuss a legal matter.
3. The Board received a request from Edgar Mesquita to be Lister. Dave moved to appoint Edgar as Lister. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.
4. The Board needs to set the date for the special election of two new Selectboard Members. After discussing, by consensus, the Board set the date for the Special Town Meeting for June 11, 2024. The deadline for submitting petitions is May 6. There will be plenty of time to hold a candidate forum.
5. Per legal advice, the Board will need to discuss the legal matter regarding the school closure under executive session. Per last meeting, the Board has contacted and submitted documents to an attorney. Jon asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

Dave Santi mentioned he had taken photos of the Town Hall where there are black spots below the gutter. He wants the Town to get the building back. Jon reminded Dave to contact the maintenance department at the school, or if necessary, the school board

Tom Frazier wondered if there was a case. He mentioned the school board's previous discussions on cost of keeping school open didn't state what actual taxes would be to taxpayer.

Bob Ketchel wondered if the legal route is in the best interest of the Roxbury kids. The school closing is all about money not about what is best for the kids.

Dave McShane mentioned the legislature is discussing having a committee for education issues. Our families need more time. Other towns are going through the same thing as Roxbury.

Rene Bouchard suggested Dave Santi send photos of the Town Hall to the school board and cc the Selectboard.

Tom said this is bigger than the kids now. They won't get a better education than Roxbury. Tom wants the kids to stay here. Roxbury had a great staff this year. The Town needs to fight for the Town.

Jon stated this is a bigger issue than kids and staff, it is also about a Town.

Dave moved to go into executive session with an invitation to Tammy Legacy to join them. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

The Board entered executive session at 7:12 p.m. and exited at 8:24 p.m.

Dave moved to continue to pursue legal action with the school closure issue. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant
Approved on April 15, 2024