

A Roxbury Selectboard Update For Topics Addressed At Our Meeting On October 6, 2025

At the October 6, 2025 Selectboard meeting we discussed many exciting issues that will have long term implications for Roxbury Residents. Probably, most notable is that the Board signed the Purchase and Sale agreement to acquire the School. The closing will be dependent on when the Environmental and PCB testing will be completed. Related, Heather Holter provided an update on the RVS task force. The Task force is doing very good work exploring different management options and creating a prospectus and engaging the Selectboard with a matchmaker for potential renters. Additionally, work is ongoing to learn how other municipalities have re-purposed the schools after being closed. We would defer those interested, to the task force's posted updates for more details on their work.

We received an update from Central Vermont Regional Planning on the updated ACT 250 rules. This will likely impact Roxbury because so much of our land area could be in Tier 3, which will expand ACT 250 jurisdiction, where it currently doesn't exist.

The effort to install radar speed feedback signs is moving forward. This is an attempt to slow vehicle speeds in Town and increase safety.

Significant discussion centered on the idea of using Australian ballot voting on Town Meeting Day articles. The effort tries to provide more people with the opportunity to weigh in on these decisions, while still maintaining the rich history of our Town Meeting and the public deliberative process that it affords. No action has been taken, and the Board will continue to hear feedback.

Bids were received for work at the Town Clerk's office to remove the old insulation and install spray foam. This work is covered under the MERP grant. Our Project Manager Andrew LaRosa and Board liaisons Nathan Donahue & Rene Bouchard continue to refine the scope of work at the Community Hall. The project is unique in that we have a fixed amount of money, and we need to have quotes to fully refine the scope based on the amount of work we can accomplish with the limited grant funding we have.

Work continues to progress on the Dog River Project. This is an effort to help lower the water table in Town by removing some of the impediments North of Town. The Project was completed many years ago, but decades of deferred maintenance has negated any of the gains of the first project. Our Consultant is helping the Town work through the regulatory requirements to re-establish the channel and eliminate the detrimental beaver activity.

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This will be a very expensive endeavor that initial estimates anticipate costing nearly \$500,000. It seems likely that estimate will increase as we get closer to actually performing the work.

The Board decided not to install a level 2 EV charging station at the Town offices. The concern was the Town's fiscal liability for a charger that has limited utility.

Unfortunately, we have several properties with Delinquent Taxes, and we have authorized the Town's attorney to start the process for a Tax Sale.

Tom Frazier has volunteered to become a lister for the Town and was appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy. Thank you, Tom.

Wade Holt has volunteered to become an auditor and has been appointed by the Board. Thank you, Wade.

Sincerely, the Roxbury Selectboard