

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2026
6:30PM – 8:55PM
FORMER ROXBURY VILLAGE SCHOOL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jeremy Reed, Vice-Chair Donna French, Nate Donahue, Tim Martin and Heather Holter

STAFF PRESENT: Tammy Legacy and Kevin Hewitt (remotely)

PUBLIC: Bob Ketchel, David Lewis, Norm Vandal, Nathaniel Vandal (remotely) and Emily Von Mistri and Andre Souigny, Tom Frazier (remotely) Dan Singleton (remotely) Leonard Lucas (remotely)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Jeremy informed the attendees of the rules of the meeting
2. No deletions or additions to the agenda.
3. Andre Souigny spoke about his concerns with the Roxbury Post Office. There have been issues with getting mail/packages. A new person will be starting on the 10th of August. The Post Office is under federal control. Andre has contacted the Congressional Delegation regarding the issues. If things don't improve, he may start a petition. David Lewis mentioned he has issues too. Tim believes it's a management issue, no help and giving pressure may result in it getting closed. Jeremy thought it is reasonable to have people know the hours it will be open.
4. Cemetery Commissioner, Wendy Cashman, sent in a request. The man that mows is concerned that the Ladd Road Cemetery may need to be mowed more than once in August due to grass growing fast. He thinks it could actually get mowed every 10 days during the summer. The man has mowed it more than required in the past. He is willing to mow it twice in August for an extra \$150. Wendy indicated the Cemetery budget could cover the \$150. There was a discussion. Tim moved we pay the \$150 they are asking for out of our budget. The motion was seconded. It was noted people are happy with the mowing and the communication has been good. After the discussion the motion passed with all in favor.
5. Old Warren Road discussion. The Grays have not submitted anything further on their request to fix the Legal Trail portion of the road. Norm Vandal submitted a letter along with people from the Town of Warren. Jeremy stated no action will be taken tonight and that he has done some research on his own. Heather and Norm walked the trail portion together. There was a discussion about the process of the meeting, points can be presented to the Board and there will be no debate. Chuck Black told the Board that he appreciates the recording being online. Warren people are just learning of the request. He mentioned his history with the Grays. It was mentioned the Town of Warren has rules about rights-of-way and that they have been dealing with the Grays. Bob Ketchel asked why the Town didn't throw up the legal trail at the State Forest. There was a lot of discussion about the Grays, legal trails, Town of Tunbridge decision and the process of making a decision. Tom Frazier, remotely, wants to make sure the decision made is in the best interest of the Town. Nate stated it isn't his problem the Grays bought

landlocked land. He mentioned surveying, feasibility and perspective of roads. Heather talked about her walk on the legal trail. She didn't go all the way to the top. There is ledge, streams, chasms, and unclear where road actually is. It gets very steep, very narrow and would be a large project to undertake. Jeremy stated this will not be on the agenda again until they have more information. He mentioned that most likely it will be a stand alone meeting and site visit when making their decision.

6. Public - none

7. Nate had some changes to the minutes. Donna moved to approve the minutes of July 20 as amended. The motion was seconded and passed 5 - 0.

8. RVS Committee Report

- A) Kristen spoke about what the committee has been doing. She mentioned working on the lease with MRSD and potential to lease with Farm and Forest School. Kristen and Heather will meet again with Casey and Libby. Heather mentioned the lease for the afterschool program may be for 10 months. Donna asked about renting space for community use and insurance coverage. Heather indicated they are getting clarification. There was a discussion on insurance.

9. Highway Report

- A) Kevin updated Board on equipment. The tractor is on Steele Hill for roadside mowing. The 2018 International is at Allegiance getting fixed. Extensive repairs have been done on the 2020 Ford and 2021 and 2018 International Trucks. Grader tires being changed.
- B) Roads are holding up. Chloride was used for the first time this year to do lots of rain. Mowing is almost done. They are changing some culverts on Horner Road.
- C) Grants-In-Aid and Better Roads Grants were discussed.
- D) Discussion about new truck that may come beginning of 2027 to middle of February 2027.
- E) The Town of Northfield saw was broken before they borrowed it but Tim suggested we cover the cost for repairs. Kevin said they could do the work.
- F) Discussion of trucks and replacing them. Discussion on what type of truck Kevin feels is best for the Town. Nate request Kevin send his perspective to the Board on custom made and redi-made trucks. A 550 or 600 wouldn't require a CDL license. Having a Capital Plan on truck replacement repairs was mentioned.
- G) The Board discussed the highway vacancy. Discussion on having repairs on trucks performed by employees. Kevin said they can do some but not all because of the responsibilities for repairs. Another person could help with repairs. Kevin suggested advertising on Indeed again. After discussing it was decided Tammy will post on Indeed and have Jeremy and Kevin on the account and remove Rene Bouchard and Tim.

10. Financial Report

- A) The Board reviewed the orders. Donna moved to accept orders as submitted and add EHDanson for \$6,085.73. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 4-0-1 with Tim abstaining.

11. Unfinished Business

- A) Unlicensed dogs were discussed. Tim mentioned he spoke with Ken Gosling who said the Legislature is discussing new laws pertaining to dogs. Donna moved to have Tammy draft a letter for the 10 recipients as noted on list. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

10. New Business

- A) The Library Trustees sent in a request to hang a barn quilt on the Library building and to request a maintenance inspection on the library building regarding an active leak and some damaged exterior flashing. Jeremy will send an email to the Trustees and Nate will look at the buildings. The Board had no issue with putting up a barn quilt on the Library building.
- B) Washington Electric request was submitted in error, it is for a State Highway.
- C) Donna talked about Board's responsibility in regards to animals.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant
Approved on _____