

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting April 17 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Henry Underwood of the Southwest Region Planning Commission

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of April 10 were approved.

Henry Underwood of the Southwest Region Planning Commission described an effort by the Commission to conduct an inventory of all culverts on Class V public roads in the region. The inventory would make assessments of the quality and condition of existing road-stream crossings and also would examine upstream and downstream impacts of culverts, including attention to effects on wildlife habitat. Underwood explained that the survey work would not extend to culverts on private property such as driveways. The inventory program is being conducted on a town-by-town basis and will result in a printed document for each town that agrees to participate. Participation would amount to town officials' formally requesting that the survey be conducted and also meeting with Commission officials, presumably in the company of Road Agent Ken Buffum. There would be no financial cost to the town. The selectmen responded that the inventory seems like a good idea. A formal request to the Commission will be considered.

On a related matter, it was agreed that Road Agent Buffum will be invited to meet with the selectmen to discuss plans for summer road maintenance in town.

There was brief discussion regarding cable franchise agreements with towns where cable TV customers reside. Selectman Rousmaniere reported about several towns in the state that impose fees on cable companies operating within their boundaries. There was no provision for such a fee in the draft of a proposed new cable company licensing agreement that this month was submitted to the selectmen for their consideration. Rousmaniere said that he will continue to research the matter.

There was a brief discussion regarding an audit document that a week earlier was submitted by town Auditor Alice Funk. Selectman O'Brien reported that he will be in touch with town Treasurer David Jewett regarding aspects of the audit report.

Selectman O'Brien, who among the three selectmen is the most adept at using the Quick Books software on which town finances are used, proposed that henceforth the three selectmen briefly survey town finances at each Monday meeting. Selectmen Davis and Rousmaniere endorsed the idea.

There was a brief discussion of a draft of a hazard mitigation plan update.

Selectman Davis prepared the manifest of bills to be paid; the manifest was signed by the selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Minutes approved by the Selectmen