

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting April 24, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Fire Chief Tim Mason, Police Chief Rob O'Connor

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of April 17 were approved.

The selectmen discussed the proposed franchise agreement renewal that was submitted by Charter Communications (Time-Warner). It was agreed that the applicant will be invited to discuss the matter of service extension in town before the selectmen act on the proposal.

Police Chief O'Connor reported that attention is being paid to speeding on town roads, and a ticket has been issued for excessive speed on Branch Road. On another matter, the selectmen noted that mud-bogging activity on Class VI roads northwest of the original town hall site appears to be fairly regular on Sunday afternoons; Chief O'Connor reported that he will look into the situation.

The selectmen expressed concern about the slow pace of the city of Keene's water pipe-related repair work at the Four Corners. The pavement was torn apart for a water main repair some weeks ago, and the road surface remains uneven. It is understood that the city's public works department will be making a subsequent repair of a permanent nature, after which the city will complete the paving job.

It was noted that the city of Keene has not been in contact with the selectmen regarding its planned revamping of Babbidge Dam. The city had initially said that its representatives would meet with the selectmen in mid-March. The selectmen await further word from the city.

Fire Chief Mason reported that two unwanted sofas have been discarded by unknown persons on the eastern side of Middletown Road about three-quarters of a mile up from the Four Corners. He reported that he will pull up the sofas and dispose of them at the transfer station in Marlborough.

Selectman O'Brien offered a brief tutorial on town finances in Quick Books.

The selectmen discussed the provision of tax exemptions in town for residents meeting the staged definitions of "elderly". It was noted that the granting of such exemptions is automatically recognized by the Avitar system.

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.