

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting April 3 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Emergency Management Director Chip Drogue.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of March 27 were approved.

Selectman O'Brien reported on a situation that led to the purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk's Office. The state government had introduced new reporting requirements that entailed the use of software that could not be accommodated by the prior laptop (a donated device that was a decade old). Mr. O'Brien reported that the Internet connections in the Clerk's Office were such that downloading the new software would be time-consuming.

In response to an offer from Henry Underwood of the Southwest Region Planning Commission regarding an interest in assessing the character and quality of culverts in town, the selectmen agreed to invite Mr. Underwood to make a presentation on the matter.

Selectman Rousmaniere reported on an exchange with the Local Government Center regarding repairs of a pothole on the Davis Road. The selectmen agreed that Road Agent Ken Buffum should go ahead with the repair, with the town absorbing the cost. It was noted that the new edition of "A Hard Road To Travel" by the NH Municipal Association asserts that RSA 236:9-12 provides that towns are authorized to require private parties to pay for repairs to damage to town roads that they have caused.

The selectmen reviewed an insurance certificate that was submitted by Road Agent Buffum. It was noted that the certificate covers two trucks but not the backhoe.

Emergency Management Director drogue reported that he has spoken with local Red Cross officials regarding the establishment of Town Hall as an emergency shelter. He added that he is exploring grants funding to pay for blankets, pillows and mats to be used in emergency situations.

The selectmen took note of the fact that Granite Gorge has been advertising a summer day camp on its property from June 19-August 23 and the fact that the operation of such a camp is not among the permissible uses in the zone that includes Granite Gorge property. It was noted that representatives of Granite Gorge are expected to attend a meeting of the Planning Board on Wednesday, April 5; Selectman Davis reported that he will attend that meeting.

The selectmen took receipt of three copies of the latest planning and land use regulations, one of which is to be directed to the planning board and another to the zoning board.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Minutes approved by the selectmen.