Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting April 4, 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Mike Ledoux; web site Administrator Josh Hicks; Treasurer David Jewett.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of March 28 were approved as written.

The Selectmen informally approved a request to use the Town Hall for a private event May 7.

Mike Ledoux of the Ridge Skippers Snowmobile Club of Sullivan voiced concerns regarding the imposition of bars blocking access to Class VI roads in the vicinity of Keene-owned property in town. He proposed that he approach the city on this matter, and he indicated that he would keep state Fish & Game and Roxbury officials up to date on the outcome of his planned discussions. He pointed out that the snowmobile club does a great deal to maintain the Class VI roads. The selectmen thanked him for his initiative.

The selectmen processed a number of property tax inventory filings that called for receipts.

Selectman O'Brien spoke of discussions with the town of Sullivan regarding that town's administrative assistant, and he confirmed that the new AA there is not interested in a part-time position in Roxbury. He also spoke of talks with employment agencies regarding finding an appropriate person for the position in Roxbury.

Treasurer Jewett brought in a painting of the former town hall by Jane (Russell Streeter) Capone that has been offered to the town. The Selectmen agreed to accept the gift and hang it in a prominent place in the main hall. It was agreed that a letter of thanks to the donor, Sandy (Fifield) Tacy, would be drafted.

It was agreed that letters would be drafted to be reviewed and then sent to three applicants for property evaluation abatements in town. The Selectmen had forwarded the requests to Avitar, the town appraiser; Avitar recommended denial of the requests.

Town Clerk Robin Buffum reported that the first evening of early hours on Monday (5-7 p.m., versus the previous schedule of 7-9 p.m.) went well.

The roof repair invoice was included on the day's manifest.

Josh Hicks spoke with the selectmen regarding the posing of requests for bids on the town web site. It was agreed to move forward on this idea.

There was discussion regarding the presence of mice on the first floor of town hall. It was agreed that bids would be sought from pest-control people to address the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

(Minutes approved by the Selectmen April 11, 2016)