

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting Dec. 12, 2016

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

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Dec. 5 were approved.

It was noted that the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, which was scheduled to meet with the selectmen at 7:15 p.m., had asked for a delay of such meeting to a new date to be determined.

Selectman O'Brien reported that he had spoken with Donna Hanscom of the Keene Department of Public Works regarding abutters of the Babbidge Dam property and would provide the names to her.

The town received a communication of Avitar regarding a preliminary assessment to sales ratio. The communication reported that there had been no recent sales; it further reported that the assessment to sales ratio was 109%. Selectman O'Brien reported that he will contact Avitar regarding the matter.

School Administrative unit 93 sent a letter that reported that 20 children from the town are enrolled in district schools.

There was discussion regarding an invoice from the NH Municipal Association regarding a workshop last April. Selectman Rousmaniere agreed to contact the organization for more information.

It was reported that the town tax collector was experiencing difficulty in zeroing out the property tax bill for Fairpoint Communications as agreed following a previously reported settlement with the company arranged by Avitar. Selectman O'Brien reported that he will look into the matter.

The selectmen discussed the issue of liability regarding hill climbs at Granite Gorge. The venue has named the town as an additional insured party on its insurance policy, as requested by the selectmen, but is the coverage adequate? Further, the discussion touched on what, if any, waivers the ski area requires participants in hill climbs to sign. Selectman Rousmaniere agreed to contact Primex, the town's insurer, and also other towns where similar hill climbs are conducted, to more fully understand the issue of liability.

Selectman O'Brien drafted and, with fellow selectmen's approval, sent an email communication to Granite Gorge that included a bill for \$156 for police coverage related to the December 10 hill climb. The letter also asked Granite Gorge for a copy of waivers that it requires hill climb event participants to sign.

Police Chief O'Connor reported that a snow mobile hill climb at Granite Gorge on December 10 was uneventful from a parking and traffic control standpoint. He reported that appropriate orange traffic signs were in use on the sides of Route 9.

The selectmen voted unanimously to change the penalty fee for bounced checks to the town from the existing \$15 to \$30.

There was discussion concerning various topics related to road agent finances. It was agreed that Road Agent Ken Buffum would be invited to meet with the selectmen and discuss the subjects on December 19 prior to the Town Hall holiday gathering that date.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.