

Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting Feb. 29. 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Karen Cota, Gerry Davis and Jim Rousmaniere; Police Chief Rob O'Connor; Treasurer David Jewett; Clerk Robin Buffum; Road Agent Ken Buffum; Fred Baybutt of Granite Gorge .

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Feb.22 were read and approved.

One hundred and forty copies of the Town Report were delivered to the selectmen's office.

The Selectmen discussed sending out forms for the 2016 inventory of taxable property (Form #PA-28). There was brief discussion about word that some towns do not send and compile such forms. It was agreed that Selectman Rousmaniere will inquire into the matter to report back at the March 1 meeting.

The Selectmen received a final bill from Bergeron Construction Company relative to the roof and ceiling repair related to a tree hitting Town Hall last year. The billed sum of \$8,065 appears to be short of the original estimate of \$8,954, even taking into account other costs such as \$500 to remove the fallen tree. The Selectmen will discuss the matter at their March 1 meeting; Primex, the insurer, will be notified of the bill.

Eversource and the successor to New England Telephone Company submitted tax abatement appeals. These will be forwarded immediately to Avitar, the appraiser, in addition to a tax abatement request by Granite Gorge.

It was agreed that the 2016 Town Meeting warrant will be posted in two public places. Additionally, a digital draft of the warrant was to be emailed to Josh Hicks for placement on the Town Website.

Road Agent Ken Buffum discussed proposed roads spending in 2016 in anticipation of a presentation by him on the topic at the March 8 town meeting.

Fred Baybutt of Granite Gorge submitted a tax abatement request. He also discussed currently scheduled and possible additional events at the Route 9 facility, and submitted a payment of \$416.12 to cover permit costs. Police Chief O'Connor reported that recent events at Granite Gorge have gone well so far as traffic safety is concerned.

The Selectmen compiled and signed the manifest.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the matter of citizens helping on a volunteer basis to clean up and otherwise maintain the two town cemeteries. A clean-up date of April 30 was tentatively agreed to.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes approved March 7, 2016 by Selectmen Cota and Rousmaniere (Selectman Davis was absent)