

Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting Jan. 11, 2016 (revised)

In attendance: Selectmen Karen Cota, Gerry Davis and Jim Rousmaniere; Road Agent Ken Buffum; Former Selectman Chip Drogue; Police Chief Rob O'Connor; Fred Baybutt of Granite Gorge

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Jan. 4 were read and approved

Fred Baybutt of Granite Gorge filed a permit application for a snowmobile hill climb to be scheduled for Feb. 13. It was affirmatively noted that the application was filed more than 30 days prior to the planned event. The Selectmen approved the permit conditional on promised receipt of a signed contract for traffic control for the event. The Selectmen also approved a permit for a hillclimb scheduled for March 19-20, 2016

Baybutt also reported that Granite Gorge is completing discussions with the Planning Board regarding revisions to its site plan. He said that he would meet informally soon with the Planning Board to discuss new parking arrangements; further, he said that Granite Gorge has been in touch with New Hampshire state transportation officials regarding highway signage near Granite Gorge. Baybutt acknowledged that the prior Wednesday more than 12 cars were parked on the slope side of the bridge crossing Otter Brook (one informal estimate put the number of vehicles at about 50); Baybutt attributed the excessive number to surprisingly high popularity of the youth program. Baybutt said that no such excessive parking on the slope side of the bridge will occur on Wednesday of this week.

Former Selectman Drogue volunteered his time to find the online portal to the state's review of warrant articles. However, the Selectmen were unable to find a way to enter warrant articles that do not have revenue or cost components. It was agreed that Selectman Cota would contact the state directly to explore the matter.

The Selectmen certified that the Department of Revenue Administration equalization report for 2015 is accurate; a signed letter to that effect will be mailed to the DRA.

Regarding the Jan. 19 scheduled public hearing on changes to the Town's Special Event Permit policy, it was agreed that copies of the proposal will be posted (a) in the Town Hall entryway, (b) the bulletin board near the utility shed on Branch Road and (c) the Town Website where notices of the public hearing are already posted.

Regarding proposed changes to the Town Hall rental policy that will be submitted to voter consideration at the March town meeting, it was agreed that Selectman Rousmaniere will draft the proposed warrant articles prior to the next Selectman's meeting.

The Selectmen discussed budget matters with Police Chief O'Connor.

In response to a request by the Selectmen, Road Agent Buffum said that he will shovel the entry way to Town Hall in the event of snowfall.

There was discussion regarding the Town's licensing protocols and papers for utility poles in town. Selectman Rousmaniere said that he will look into the matter prior to the next Selectmen's meeting. The goal here is to find a copy of a license application.

The Selectmen discussed Josh Hick's expressed interest in posting the full Town Report on the web site. It was agreed that, going forward, digital copies of the annual report will be made available to the Town web site.

There was discussion related to the preparation of the Town Report, including discussion of a warrant article calling for reserving \$10,000 for possible future legal expenses related to the preservation of the existing cost-sharing formula for the Monadnock Regional School District, as was reserved in 2015). The Selectmen voted to recommend the article to the 2016 Town Meeting.

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.

Gerry Davis, selectman

Jim Rousmaniere, selectman

Karen Cota, selectman