

Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting Jan. 25, 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Karen Cota, Gerry Davis and Jim Rousmaniere; Administrative Assistant Elaine Moore; former Selectman Chip Drogue; Treasurer David Jewett; Police Chief Rob O'Connor; Fire Chief Alan LaPlante

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Jan. 19 were read and approved.

Selectmen Davis and Rousmaniere briefly reviewed the prior week's hearing regarding proposed changes to the Town's Special events Permit Policy. It was agreed that a matter previously raised by Town attorney Tom Hanna will be explored prior to taking any formal action on the proposed changes.

Administrative Assistant Moore distributed copies of a Legislative Bulletin from the NH Municipal Association that highlighted upcoming legislative matters.

The Selectmen reviewed comments from the Planning Board regarding the proposed Town Hall rental policy changes and also a matter involving the parking of cars.

The warrant article for the proposed changes to the existing Town Hall Rental Policy was reported to have been completed.

It was agreed that the Selectmen will wait until the completion of preparations for the annual Town Meeting, including the holding of a budget hearing, before turning their attention to a recently raised matter regarding the language of the licensing of utility poles in town – a matter that was recently raised by the law firm of Upton & Hatfield.

It was agreed that steps to post an upcoming (Feb. 8) budget hearing will be taken.

A staff member representing Senator Kelly Ayotte had approached the Selectmen regarding the holding of office house at Town Hall on the evening of Feb. 8. It was agreed that, since a budget hearing has been scheduled for that night, the Senator's office will be advised that the proposed date will not work.

There was considerable discussion regarding the online DRA budget software, particularly as it relates to the entering of revenue forecasts. It was agreed that Selectman Rousmaniere will approach Stephanie Desrosiers of the DRA to discuss the matter. There were also concerns expressed regarding other technical complications in the software, including the printing and transmittal of such to the sentinel Print Shop. It is expected that the issues will be resolved this week at which point the budget material will be shipped to the state.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

(Minutes by Jim Rousmaniere)