

Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting Jan. 4, 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Karen Cota, Gerry Davis and Jim Rousmaniere; Administrative Assistant Elaine Moore; Former Selectman Chip Drogue; Police Chief Rob O'Connor

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Dec. 28 were read and approved.

It was reported that Elaine Moore and Karen Cota had spent five hours bringing fresh order to the files in the Selectmen's office.

The Selectmen accepted a payment of \$1,000 for the repaired police cruiser after hearing word that the initial winning bidder had withdrawn his \$1,200 offer. The vehicle was sold to Larry Jewett (who is no relation to town treasurer David Jewett).

The Selectmen discussed a project to clean, wax and seal the first floor of the Town Hall. The project is part of a capital spending budget for the year that awaits voter approval in March.

The Selectmen discussed concerns about parking of private vehicles in the Town Hall parking lot that impedes access to the Town Hall and the parking lot by the Postal Service and school busses. It was agreed that Police Chief O'Connor will look into the matter.

The Selectmen agreed to ask the Road Agent, while plowing snow, to clean the front of the main door to Town Hall.

The Selectmen discussed final changes to planned revisions to the Town's Special event policy, and they set a public hearing on the revisions for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Notice of the hearing is to be posted on the Town Web Site, the entrance to Town Hall and also on the bulletin board near the maintenance shed next to the Four Corners Park.

The Selectmen agreed to submit a blurb about proposed revisions to the Town Hall rental policy to the editor of The Roxbury Report for publication prior to the March Town Meeting. Also, it was agreed that Selectman Rousmaniere will ask the legal staff of the Local Government Center about the recommended format by which to describe the proposed revisions in the warrant and the Town Report.

The matter of utility pole licensing was discussed. It was reported that Upton & Hatfield, the law firm that represents the town, among other towns, in part of the litigation involving utility poles, plans to send out a packet of information about how to revise the language of utility pole licenses. The deadline for making any such changes to Town licenses is April 1. There was some discussion regarding the language of existing licenses; it was agreed that Avitar will be asked if it has experience dealing with such licenses. It was agreed that, in the event that Avitar is of no help on this matter, the Selectmen will approach Town Attorney Tim Hanna to see if he has a format for such licenses.

There was informal discussion regarding kitchen-related additions to the Town Hall to conform to standards consistent with the Town Hall servicing as an Emergency First Aid Shelter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

(Minutes by Selectman Rousmaniere)