

## Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting July 10, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Road Agent Ken Buffum

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the regular meeting and special meeting of June 26 were approved and signed. Those minutes will be emailed to the Department of Revenue Administration in that they deal with procedural and other matters relating to the Town Meeting in March.

The selectmen discussed a draft cable franchise renewal agreement that in April had been submitted by Charter Communications. It was noted that Charter had not responded to a subsequent communication from the selectmen seeking a meeting to discuss geographic expansion of the cable company's service in town. It was agreed that the selectmen will send a follow-up letter to Charter Communications that reaffirms the selectmen's interest in such a discussion.

The selectmen and Road Agent Buffum discussed plans for a long-planned upgrade of the town's salt and sand shed. It was agreed that the selectmen will reach out to David Stuhlstatz with whom architectural discussions had been held in prior years to arrange a meeting during which some details of the planned project can be talked through.

The selectmen and Road Agent Buffum discussed aspects of an improvement plan for the Davis Road. It was agreed that an initial step should involve an assessment of a culvert that runs beneath that road. Road Agent Buffum will conduct a visual inspection, and the selectmen will check with Henry Underwood of the Southwest Region Planning Commission to see whether the commission's culvert inventory project has yet made an assessment of that particular culvert.

There was discussion about gravel work on Middletown Road. It was agreed that 1,000 tons of gravel should be bought and laid down this year, in accordance with the year's approved budget, and that the selectmen and road agent will consider upping that figure as part of a long-term road maintenance and improvement project next year.

There was discussion regarding the need for – and financial ramifications of purchasing – a brush cutter for use on the sides of town roads. Road Agent Buffum will investigate and report back to the selectmen.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Selectmen