

Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting July 11, 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Treasurer David Jewett, Police Chief Rob O'Connor

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of July 5 were approved.

Progress on building-related projects was noted: 1) the installation of a window in the front door of Town Hall, in response to a recommendation at the 2016 Town Meeting, and 2) construction upgrades to the kitchen in Town Hall.

Selectman Rousmaniere reported on a discussion with Jacob Johnson, a Roxbury resident who's a member of Boy Scout Troop 311 who in March had observed a meeting of the Selectmen as part of a community-related project and during which time he reported that he would also conduct a litter pick-up sweep of the Davis Road. He reported last week that he completed the litter clean-up in the spring, and he reported that he found a fair number of cans, among other discarded items, along the roadside. He further reported coming upon a spot where it appeared that someone had dumped a full week's worth of garbage, which he cleaned up. On behalf of the town Rousmaniere thanked Scout Johnson for his service.

In response to a request by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to discuss a Class VI road on land in Roxbury, a date of Monday, July 25, 7:30 p.m. was set for such a meeting at Town Hall.

Treasurer Jewett discussed a variety of requests for town-related information by the Department of Revenue Administration. He committed to directly discuss the requests, which involve filing of information, with the DRA.

The selectmen reviewed recommended changes (by town attorney Tom Hanna) to a proposed Keene-Roxbury agreement regarding Roxbury police patrolling of city watershed land in town. A subsequent draft of the agreement was approved by the selectmen in concert with Chief O'Connor for submission to Donna Hanscom of the Keene Public Works Department.

Property valuation exemptions for the installation of solar panels on private property were discussed. It was agreed that the selectmen would conduct an informal survey of other towns that provide for such exemptions with specific reference to whether building permits for such installations – either rooftop or standalone solar arrays – are part of the process in those towns.

Selectman O'Brien reported that Avitar had completed assessment updates for 25 properties in town.

Selectman O'Brien reported that he will take steps toward backing up town computers.

The date for painting of town hall was changed to Saturday July 23.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by Selectmen

Tim O'Brien

Gerry Davis

Jim Rousmaniere