

Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting June 13, 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Police Chief Rob O'Connor and Keene Assistant Director of Public Works Donna Hanscom; Roxbury Emergency Management head Chip Drogue

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of June 6 were approved as written.

By prior arrangement Keene Public Works official Donna Hanscom presented a draft of a written agreement regarding contracting with Roxbury police officials to patrol the Roaring Brook reservoir watershed. She reported that in the not too distant past Keene officials had noticed, at a time of low water in the reservoirs, ATV tracks leading down into a reservoir. This finding led to concerns about potential contamination of Keene's drinking water sources in Roxbury. As preliminarily proposed, Keene would compensate Roxbury police staff for 10 hours of patrols per month. Ms. Hanscom explained that the proposal comes at a time of deepening city interest in the reservoir watershed – an interest that has led to a contract with a consulting firm to draft a watershed land management plan; the goal of the management plan is to assure a healthy forest around the city's two surface water supplies; Ms. Hanscom said that an extension of that work will be to draft new rules regarding appropriate activity on the watershed lands. It was agreed that Police Chief O'Connor will proposed revisions/expansions to the draft in the next week for transmittal to Ms. Hanscom. Subsequently, a second draft of the proposed inter-governmental municipal services agreement will be sent to the Town for review by its lawyer.

Selectman O'Brien briefly reviewed his discussions with Emergency Management head Drogue partly relating to grant applications for a culvert repair/replacement.

There was discussion regarding some residents' concerns about the noise produced by a rooster in another resident's property.

It was reported that paint for the Town Hall exterior painting project has been secured and that a date for a volunteer painting effort will be set in the near future. The donation of five gallons of paint was made by the Sherwin Williams outlet in Keene. A letter of thanks to Sherwin Williams will be prepared, signed and sent.

A letter of thanks will also be prepared for transmittal to the Home Depot store in Keene where the following staff members took time and energy to arrange the provision of materials for the installation of a wheelchair ramp for a Roxbury resident: Charlie Salisbury, store manager; Josh Ploof, operations manager; Dianne Brandt, project specialist; Val Sprague, ASDS; and Alex Bazarnicki, lumber associate. Welfare Officer Josh Hicks played an important role in the project.

The selectmen took note of the commitment of volunteers who generously donated their time and energy to a recent spiffing-up of the large cemetery on Middletown Road: Shane Ellis, Ed Ellis, Raymond Forbes, Jacob Forbes, Devon Forbes. Gale Russell, Fred White, Beth Castagna, Tim Mason, Gerry Davis, Joy Richards, Tyler Arlen, Ken Buffum and grandson, Jim Rousmaniere

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.

(Minutes by Selectman Rousmaniere)