

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting March 20, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Treasurer David Jewett; Fire Chief Tim Mason

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of March 13 were approved.

The Selectmen received a self-generated property inventory form from a land owner who lives out-of-state. The document will be returned to the sender with a note that, effective 2017, such filings are no longer required (The decision to suspend use of the property inventory form was made last year following research that turned up the fact that declining numbers of towns actually use the form.)

Fire Chief Tim Mason submitted a new hourly-rate recommendation for compensation to assistants who are not town employees.

Following research by Selectman O'Brien into an incident-filing program for the Fire Department, it was proposed that the service be suspended; Fire Chief Mason reported that he already files incident information directly with the state. The suspension of the service could represent an annual savings of approximately \$400 for the town.

Fire Chief Mason said that he intends to spend time meeting and greeting townspeople to get out the word on fire safety.

The Selectmen discussed various matters that came up at the snow-delayed Town Meeting that was held March 15, including:

- City of Keene reconfiguration of the intersection of the Dakin Road with Middletown Road associated with planned safety-upgrades to Babbidge Dam this year. It was agreed the selectmen will call for some kind of remediation of the intersection, including vegetation, following the completion of the dam upgrade.
- Return of the meeting house sign to the front of Town Hall. It was agreed that the sign will be returned once exterior painting of Town Hall is completed.
- Anticipation of possible efforts to change the Monadnock District school funding formula in ways that would work against the interests of Roxbury. It was agreed that discussions about the matter will move forward.

Further, picking up from warrant article drafting errors associated with warrant articles that were corrected at the Town Meeting, Selectman O'Brien described a possible revision in the way that warrant article spending is presented to voters; he reported that he will present a mock-up of the proposed approach, which will list past and proposed appropriations at the Selectmen's next meeting.

The Selectmen took note of filing requirements set forth by the state Department of Revenue Administration following Town Meeting. It was agreed that the filings will be carried out at the next Selectmen's meeting.

It was reported that an automated parking-lot spotlight attached to the west side of Town Hall is apparently on an irregular schedule that, in some instances, has the light on late at night. It was agreed that the Selectmen will work to reprogram the light so that it's on only at appropriate hours.

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 drafted by Selectman Rousmaniere