

Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting March 7. 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Karen Cota and Jim Rousmaniere; Police Chief Rob O'Connor; former selectman Chip Drogue.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Feb.29 were read and approved.

The Selectmen discussed final preparations for the March 8 Town Meeting.

The Selectmen approved the submission of a final bill from the Bergeron Construction Company in the amount of \$8,065.22; it was agreed that the invoice will be sent to John Eule of Primex for insurance processing.

The Selectmen discussed preparations to mail copies of the annual property inventory to residents after the holding of the Town Meeting. It was understood that the Department of Revenue Administration will ask the Town in June whether the Selectmen want to send out such inventory notices in the spring of 2017, and it was tentatively agreed that the Selectmen will answer in the affirmative.

.The Selectmen discussed the planned updating of the Town's hazard mitigation and emergency plan – a process that will begin later this year. The Selectmen formally noted that it will rely on the Southwest Region Planning Commission to undertake the steps necessary to secure grant funding for the work.

The Selectmen set a date of March 21 (LATER ADJUSTED TO MARCH 28) for a public hearing on proposed changes to the town's licensing of utility poles and conduits; the language of the proposed policy and procedure were developed by Upton & Hatfield, the lawyers who are representing a number of communities, including Roxbury, in litigation regarding assessments of such poles and rights-of-way.

Selectman Rousmaniere reported that he had been in touch with town attorney Tom Hanna regarding final drafting of changes to the town's special event permit policy. Following Hanna's review and subsequent changes, if any, it is expected that the Selectmen will adopt a revised policy.

Selectman Rousmaniere confirmed that property assessment appeals from Fairpoint and Eversource (in addition to an appeal from the Granite Gorge organization) had been sent to Avitar, the Town's property appraiser, last week.

The Selectmen compiled and signed the manifest.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

(MINUTES by Selectman Rousmaniere)

Minutes approved by Selectman Rousmaniere (Selectman Davis was not in attendance at the March 7 meeting and Karen Cota, which did attend the meeting, is not longer a selectman)