

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting May 1, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Gary LaFreniere of the Fire Department

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of April 24 were approved.

Selectman O'Brien reported that he had worked with Avitar, the town's property assessing advisor, to print all of the 15 open building permits in town. He also reported that all property transfers are now being directly recorded by Avitar and that the Selectmen's office is equipped to enter property tax exemptions into the system.

The selectmen voted to deny an abatement request from Fairpoint Communications. The abatement request appears to have been based on a misunderstanding at Fairpoint that a settlement last year had not been reflected in a new lower assessment.

It was noted that the City of Keene has formally asked that a representative of the Town serve on a committee to provide direction and support for a land management plan for the city's watershed lands in Roxbury. Selectman Rousmaniere offered to serve on that committee, and will so inform the city.

Mr. LaFreniere reported that he has been trying unsuccessfully to have Granite Gorge confirm that it has taken steps to correct deficiencies that were found during a recent fire inspection visit. It was decided that at their next meeting the selectmen will discuss drafting a letter to Granite Gorge expressing their concern about the matter.

It was agreed that Upton & Hatfield will be approached regarding a recent billing for services related to Fairpoint property appeals in town. The selectmen had understood that Avitar had handled all related work on the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes approved by the selectmen