

Minutes from the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting May 23, 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Fire Chief Allan LaPlante

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of May 16 were approved as written.

The selectmen approved the issuance of a tax anticipation note in the amount of \$225,000 at 1.5 percent interest by the Savings Bank of Walpole.

The selectmen approved the issuance of a payment of \$4,000 to the Bergeron construction company for cabinets to be used in the completion of the kitchen in Town Hall.

The selectmen accepted a letter of resignation by Allan LaPlante from the position of fire chief, he having decided to retire after about 15 years on the job. The selectmen saluted Allan for a job well done and then voted unanimously to appoint Tim Mason to the position.

There was a discussion about a letter of concern by a town resident regarding the chemical treatments of the town park by a contracted lawn care service. The current arrangement is for six chemical applications annually at a contract cost of \$40 per application. It was agreed that inquiries will be made into providers of organic alternatives.

There was continued discussion regarding a statement by the Department of Revenue Administration that a Town Meeting vote to expend \$1,500 for handicap-accessibility to Town Hall may have been technically improper, given that the project was not noticed in advance of the meeting in March. It was agreed that discussions with the DRA on the matter will continue.

The selectmen approved a special event permit for a hill climb event at Granite Gorge Granite on June 16. The approval included the written stipulation that, consistent with the site plan for Granite Gorge, no more than 12 vehicles will be parked on the slope side of the access bridge,

There was a discussion about painting Town Hall. Two topics were of attention: (1) that the new clapboards should be painted very soon and (2) that an investigation into the possible past and unremediated use of lead paint on other parts of the building be conducted.

The selectmen discussed the matter of whether an administrative assistant should be sought for the town; it was agreed to hold off on any action until the fall when town business normally picked up.

There was some discussion regarding possible reconstruction of the salt shed, a project that has previously received voter approval. It was agreed that David Stuhlstatz, who had issued a preliminary design, will be approached with a question or two.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

(Minutes by Selectman Rousmaniere)