

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting Nov. 13, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; School Board representative Nick Mosher;

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.; the minutes of Nov. 6 were approved

It was noted that the Monadnock School Board will meet at the Roxbury Town Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Selectman Rousmaniere will attend. Regarding other school-related matters, it was noted that the school district deliberative session is scheduled for Feb. 3 at Monadnock High School. It is at that session that a proposal to change the cost-apportionment formula within the six-town district will be proposed.

The selectmen discussed the idea of amending the town's rules regarding the awarding of specific property tax exemptions to veterans. The current rules provide for a \$100 exemption to residents who served in the country's armed forces during times of specific combat. (Currently the town issues \$100 "war credits" to 12 individuals.) It has been proposed that the exemption be extended to all military veterans, regardless of whether the nation was at war at the time of service. The selectmen agreed to research the matter with an eye toward considering a change on the town warrant next March.

The selectmen received a payment of \$100 for a member of the public's access to the town's archives kept at 350 Marlboro Street in Keene. The payment reflects a new schedule of fees for such access.

Selectman Rousmaniere reported on research regarding how highway block grants are calculated. The state highway department formula is based on disbursements of approximately \$1,400 per mile of Class V and IV roads in town plus \$13 for each resident of the town.

The selectmen signed the warrant that reflects the new tax rate of \$25.16 per \$1,000 assessed valuation as approved by the state. That figure is down from \$25.32 of a year ago.

The selectmen received a request from a town resident to rent the Town Hall on Thanksgiving. A rental application form will be forwarded to the individual.

The selectmen agreed to begin budget talks for the new year by inviting department heads to meet.

Selectman Davis prepared the manifest of bills to be paid; the manifest was signed by the selectmen. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes approved by the selectmen