

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting Nov. 20, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.; the minutes of Nov. 13 were approved

Selectman O'Brien reported that tax bills will be sent out this week.

Selectman O'Brien reported that he had acquired a new modem for the work station in the selectmen's office to replace a failing device. He added that there's been considerable work undertaken regarding the use of state department of Motor Vehicles software on the work station in the clerk's office.

The selectmen approved a town resident's requested rental of Town Hall for Thanksgiving.

The selectmen discussed the prospect of changing the town's rules regarding the granting of property tax credits to veterans. Current rules provide that such credits are limited to \$100 and that qualifying veterans are those who served in the armed services during specific periods of combat. It's been proposed that the town consider expanding the qualifying population to all veterans who served at least 90 days and who were honorably discharged, regardless of their time of service; further, there's been discussion about possibly raising the dollar value of the allowable credit. The experiences of other communities were discussed. It was agreed that, first, the town ought to get a sense of how many qualifying veterans (or surviving spouses) under a new broader definition live in town. Selectman Rousmaniere will research the topic through state veterans services.

It was noted that at 2 p.m. on Nov. 21 a representative of the city of Keene will meet with interested townspeople and selectman at the intersection of the Dakin Road and Middletown Road to discuss plans regarding roadside vegetation that might need to be removed prior to major work on the Babbidge Dam in 2018.

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 8:10 p.m.

Minutes approved by the selectmen