

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting Nov. 27, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis and Jim Rousmaniere; Treasurer David Jewett; Zoning Board Chairman Jessica Payton.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.; the minutes of Nov. 20 were approved.

Treasurer Jewett confirmed that Roxbury's supplemental highway block grant that was issued this year totaled \$15,190.14; he reported that he will prepare documentation of how the funds have been spent to date (approximately \$11,000).

It was noted that Avitar Associates, the town's property appraisal consultant, has issued notices to property owners that it will be scheduling interior inspections; the work is described as being part of a data verification process.

It was noted that Granite Gorge filed a special permit application for an event in December. Selectman Davis reported that he had informed Granite Gorge that, since it had not filed documents with the Zoning Board relative to allowable activities on its property – as had previously been stipulated and required by the selectmen – the town would not consider the special permit application.

Selectman Rousmaniere reported that he had conducted research relative to veterans' property tax credits in town and how the fiscal costs of such exemptions might rise if the town were to decide to award property tax credits to all veterans, not only those who served in times of combat as is currently the case. (The state legislature last year passed enabling legislation that allows towns to expand the definition of qualifying veteran.) Currently 12 residents in town claim the credit; under rough calculations, the number of claimants could be as high as 24 if a new qualifying definition were adopted.

The selectmen filed various reports.

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 8:50 p.m.

Minutes approved by the selectmen