

## Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting Oct. 10, 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; School Board representative Nick Mosher, Police Chief Rob O'Connor and Road Agent Ken Buffum.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Oct. 3 were approved.

School Board representative Nick Mosher updated the selectmen on Monadnock School Board matters. He reported that the Board will hold an 8 a.m. retreat on Saturday Nov. 5 to which selectmen are invited, one goal of which is to help coordinate school and municipal spending plans; the event will continue through lunch. He added that the School Board will hold its regular monthly meeting in Town Hall on Nov. 15, with doors opening at 5 p.m. Among topics of interest: an ethics policy for school board members that would prohibit any of them publicly talking down School Board policy decisions, how to distribute an insurance pool surplus on the order of several hundred thousand dollars and thoughts to direct more resources to math instruction. The selectmen also briefly discussed the cost-sharing formula for the district.

Police Chief O'Connor briefly discussed approaching an out-of-towner who dumped brush at the location of the old town center at the top of Middletown Road. The Selectmen prepared a letter demanding compensation for the town's cost of removing the brush; the letter will be sent certified.

The selectmen agreed that, before the town considers any future permit for events at Granite Gorge, the owners/operators there must show them a road-safety sign that conforms to state standards.

The selectmen took note of a comment by Avitar, the property appraisal company, that its settlement proposal regarding valuation of Fairpoint poles and conduits in town totals \$20,083. The selectmen had previously determined that a 2011 abatement in the amount of \$4,542 abatement should be applied to the \$20,083 settlement. Avitar responded that that 2011 abatement had been accounted for and that the \$20,083 sum represents what is now at issue. The selectmen signed a letter authorizing Avitar to pursue its proposed settlement; the authorization followed a communication with Michael Courtney of Upton & Hatfield, the town's legal representative in the matter, in which Courtney recommended going with the settlement worked out by Avitar and Fairpoint.

Selectman O'Brien reported that he had supplied the state Department of Transportation with information that it had sought regarding its planned upgrading of Route 9.

It was reported that plans to finalize the MS-1 inventory of taxable property are proceeding apace.

Ken Buffum briefly reported on the parking lot paving job in the front of Town Hall. The cost of the project came in below expectations.

It was noted that the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting will be held at Town Hall on Oct. 19.

The Selectmen tentatively agreed to a citizen-led plan to organize a Halloween party in Town Hall on the last Saturday of October. It was agreed that the selectmen would check with Primex, the town's insurer, on the matter. Contact for the party is Marcy McStravick.

The Selectmen noted receipt of a letter from the town administrator in Sullivan regarding perambulation of the shared boundary. Contact with Sullivan will be made.

Regarding police coverage for the Nov. 8 general election, Chief O'Connor reported that he would be in touch with police officials in Keene regarding what's required.

It was reported that the Bergeron Construction Company had not yet completed its repair work on the Town Hall roof.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

(Minutes approved by selectmen)