

Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen's meeting Sept. 12, 2016

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Roxbury building inspector Don Castagna; John Miner of the Ridge Skippers Snowmobile Club

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Sept. 6 were approved.

The selectmen engaged in discussion with John Miner regarding actual and contemplated correspondence his club has been having with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests regarding the Society's concerns about the use of a road on its property; the Society asserts that the road is not a public way. The club has cared for the road over the years, cleaning it of brush and such, and its members use it when there's adequate snow, and Miner was visiting the selectmen to resume a conversation with selectmen on the issue that had begun at the selectmen's meeting of August 29. The selectmen reviewed a letter that they had received from the Society that rejected documented assertions by the town that the road in question has been regarded as a road for more than a century, based on USGS maps, copies of which the town previously sent to the Society. The selectmen voted to approach town attorney Tom Hanna on the matter.

The selectmen discussed with building inspector Castagna that matter of building permits and inspections regarding solar installations in town. Castagna said that he will inspect such installations. The selectmen took receipt of a \$40 building application fee for an installation on Houghton Ledge Road.

The selectmen uploaded the 2016 MS-4 document (estimated revenues) that reflects a drop from \$20,000 to \$10,000 in anticipated timber yield tax receipts for the year. It was agreed that the selectmen will file an updated MS-1 document (inventory of properties) following receipt of information from Avitar, the property assessing advisor.

The selectmen discussed staffing for the polls on primary day (Sept. 13) and on election day (Nov. 8).

It was noted that Granite Gorge submitted a \$100 fee payment for an event that had been scheduled for the prior Saturday, and that a completed special event application form had been submitted ahead of time. It was agreed that Granite Gorge will be notified that the selectmen will not approve special event applications unless those applications are accompanied by a fee payment.

The selectmen agreed that they would not seek to hire an administrative assistant for the remainder of the year as had been previously contemplated.

The selectmen took receipt of \$10 for a pistol permit that was issued by police chief Rob O'Connor.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved by selectmen