Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting Feb. 12, 2018

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O’Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Treasurer David Jewett, a handful of citizens.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. as a budget hearing.

Treasurer David Jewett led a discussion of the proposed budget for the new year in the main hall. There was much discussion of the proposed budget, which roughly equals that of the prior year, but no changes to the draft budget were made.

There was some discussion regarding the costs of road maintenance, and it was agreed that more study would be undertaken.

There was discussion regarding recent annual allotments of $10,000 to a capital reserve for legal expenses related to education. The context of the discussion concerned whether the town will remain in the Monadnock School District in the event that a cost-apportionment formula in the multi-town school district substantially harms town taxpayers.

There was discussion regarding the costs associated with annual inspections of properties with outstanding building permits by Avitar, the town’s assessing contractor. There are currently about 20 such open building permits. It was agreed that the town might consider a time-limit for such permits.

Selectman Rousmaniere described a warrant article that will ask town voters whether they would like to expand the definition of qualifying military veteran for receipt of a property tax credit. The proposed redefinition, which is authorized by new state law, would grant the credit to all veterans who served at least 90 days and were honorably discharged – the so called “all-veterans” definition. The warrant article does not propose a change in the $100 limit of the credit.

At the conclusion of the budget hearing the selectmen discussed various matters. Selectman Davis prepared the manifest of bills to be paid; the manifest was signed by the selectmen. There being no further business, the selectmen’s meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.