Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen’s meeting May 8, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O’Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Tyler Arlen

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of May 1 were approved.

Selectman Davis reported that he has discussed the subject of potholes on the Davis Road with a few residents who use that road, and he proposed that all three Selectmen visit the site to survey the matter and ultimately propose a solution. Selectmen O’Brien and Rousmaniere agreed to the proposal; a visit to the site will be set up.

The Selectmen discussed a rain runoff concern on Middletown Road that originates immediately northwest of the densely populated part of town. It was agreed that steps need to be taken to improve the situation.

The Selectmen received an inquiry from the Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation regarding the provision of a state law that permits communities to tack a small fee onto annual vehicle registration renewals, the purpose of such fee being to help underwrite the cost of transportation services and also road improvements. (In some communities the fee is $1, in others $5.) The inquiry is part of a general effort by the organization, the address of which is also that of the Southwest Region Planning Commission, to determine the extent of public awareness about such vehicle registration fees. (Roxbury does not impose such a fee)

Tyler Arlen, who has done mowing work at the Four Corners Park in the past, inquired into the Town’s needs during the coming lawn maintenance season. The selectmen discussed how often the park should be mowed and weed-whacked, and it was agreed that such mowing be done on an as-needed basis as opposed to a regular weekly basis. The Selectmen agreed to get back to Tyler in a week or so.

The selectmen received a communication from the Department of Revenue Administration regarding financial/budget reports that ought to be filed with the state. It was agreed that Selectman Rousmaniere will get in touch with the state agency to discuss the matter.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the upcoming work on Babbidge Dam and its access road, and it was agreed that the city’s public works department will be approached regarding the possible impact of the work on the intersection of the Dakin Road and Middletown Road.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Minutes approved by the selectmen.