Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen’s meeting Jan. 3, 2017

In attendance: Selectmen Gerry Davis, Tim O’Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Road Agent Ken Buffum; Welfare Officer Josh Hicks; Treasurer David Jewett

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of Dec. 27 were approved.

The selectmen took note of the sanding of the main floor and the stairway at Town Hall by Clem’s Floor Sanding. The work was deemed to be first rate.

Welfare Officer Hicks reported that he had been contacted by Eversource regarding an offer to supply a wood bank in town. It was noted that the utility would provide lengths of wood from its roadside tree-clearing operations at no cost to the town; the wood would be provided in lengths of 4 to 6 feet. The market would be needy persons in town who use wood for heat. The matter of location of such a wood bank was discussed, as were liability issues. It was agreed that research should be undertaken. Selectman Rousmaniere offered to reach out to wood banks in other communities and report back. Welfare Officer Hicks said that he would get back to Eversource for more information.

There was a brief discussion regarding stages of preparation for the annual Town Meeting, which according to the NH Municipal Association will be held March 14. A schedule of events and filings related to such annual town meetings in 2017 appears here: https://www.nhmunicipal.org/Resources/ViewDocument/729

It was agreed that a calendar of events leading up to the Town Meeting such as public hearings and the preparation of the print town report will be prepared.

Road Agent Buffum proposed a new rate sheet for road related services in town. The Selectmen looked favorably upon the proposed changes and will consider them when preparing the new year’s budget.

There was a brief discussion regarding the continuing matter concerning roads on the Taves preserve. It was agreed that the Selectmen would contact former Selectman Chip Drogue to restate their interest in seeing copies of documents and correspondence on the matter that date to as early as 2007.

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.

Minutes approved by the selectmen