Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting May 29, 2018

In attendance: Selectmen Mark Funk, Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; Treasurer David Jewett

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. The minutes from the meeting of May 21 were approved.

Mark Funk reported that he has examined culverts on Middletown Road and found that only one is blocked. He reported that the large culvert that had been said to be in need of repair struck him as not needing a fix. The selectmen agreed that Mark will tour all the culverts on that road with Road Agent Ken Buffum.

The Selectmen reported to Treasurer Jewett that they had found a use for the approximately $2,600 remaining of the state’s 2017 special distribution of highway money. The funds will be used to address a runoff/erosion issue related to Middletown Road that’s associated with the upper cemetery.

David reported that he will need to begin borrowing money soon. Toward that end Tim O’Brien will approach the Savings Bank of Walpole for a quote on a tax anticipation note in the vicinity of $250,000.

The selectmen discussed the possible terms of a request for proposals for winter road maintenance. A draft RFP was discussed, and tentative revisions were made; a second draft reflecting those revisions will be reviewed at the next selectmen’s meeting. It was agreed that Jim Rousmaniere will approach Primex regarding generally accepted principles regarding levels of insurance to be carried by providers of winter maintenance services.

The selectmen discussed a previously-raised matter regarding road quality on the Davis Road and concluded that no work need be done at this time.

The selectmen discussed a communication from the Forest Society regarding public use of a road alongside Wheeler Brook on the Taves Reservation. The selectmen agreed that documentation accompanying the correspondence appears not to support the position that the road along Wheeler Brook is a public road. It is understood by the selectmen that a prior board of selectmen had intended to ask the voters to designate the road as a trail but did not in fact do so. The selectmen agreed to draft a letter of response to the Forest Society that accepts the Forest Society conclusion regarding the status of the road.

The selectmen agreed to change the hours of their regular Monday meeting to 5-7 p.m., effective with the meeting of Monday June 4, 2018. However, before adjourning on that day the selectmen will conduct a previously advertised Procedural Defect Meeting at 7 p.m. that day that is described in the minutes of May 14.

The selectmen tentatively set August 25th as a date for a painting project for Town Hall.

The manifest was filled out and signed. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.