Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting June 4, 2018

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

The meeting opened at 5 p.m., reflecting a new schedule of selectmen’s meetings that henceforth will run from 5-7 p.m.

The selectmen discussed vacancies on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment that ought to be filled. Selectman Funk agreed to serve as selectmen’s representative on the Zoning Board.

The selectmen discussed a culvert study that in 2017 was launched by the Southwest Region Planning Commission staff. Selectman Rousmaniere said that will inquire into the status of that work.

Selectman O’Brien reported that he will provide certain town-related information to the Savings Bank of Walpole to inform its preparation of a bid to provide tax anticipation note financing for the town.

There was brief discussion of a mid-year financial report by Treasurer Jewett that showed the town to be on budget but for an expenditure of approximately $2,200 related to printing and mailings related to successful efforts to block a proposed revision of the cost-sharing formula in the Monadnock School District. It was agreed that the sum will be covered out of an education-related legal-expenses fund that previously had been set up, the effect of which would be to have no impact on the operating budget.

There was some discussion of the perceived need for gravel on parts of Horse Hill Road. Selectman O’Brien reported that the matter will likely be addressed when the road is graded.

Also on roads, Selectman Funk reported that he will approach Road Agent Buffum for a joint inspection of culverts in Middletown Road.

On another roads-related matter, Selectman Rousmaniere said that he will redouble his efforts related to having the state of New Hampshire cover the costs of town-supplied plowing services on Branch Road, a Class-II State Highway.

The selectmen briefly discussed the matter of drafting a Request for Proposals for contractor-supplied winter maintenance services for town roads.

There was a brief discussion of activities of an independent citizens group within the Monadnock School District that is examining possible cost-sharing formulae. Selectman Rousmaniere reported that the group may call a meeting for selectmen in all of the six district towns to discuss the matter.

The selectmen called to order a previously-noticed Procedural Defect Meeting to address a matter related to the posting of the Town warrant in advance of this year’s March 13th Town Meeting; the selectmen had posted the warrant and budget but had not signed the document as required by law. The Procedural Defect Meeting was held in accordance with RSA 31:5-b. The subject warrant article read as follows: “To see if the town will vote to ratify the results of the March 13th annual meeting even though the posting requirements were not met.” Selectman Rousmaniere publicly read the warrant article and asked if anyone present proposed that it be
acted on; Selectman Funk moved that the article be voted on and Selectman O'Brien seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was called; all those present voted in the affirmative – that the motion be approved. The vote was 3-0. There were no “nay” votes. The Procedural Defect Meeting was then adjourned.

The manifest was filled out by Selectman Funk and signed. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes approved by selectmen