Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting July 2, 2018

In attendance: Selectmen Mark Funk, Tim O’Brien and Jim Rousmaniere.

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

The selectmen signed a commitment letter for a tax anticipation note in the amount of $200,000 from the Savings Bank of Walpole.

It was reported that the owner of a property on Quarry Ledge Road agreed not to bar passage on that road (which is a Class VI road) and will alert the police chief and/or the selectmen in the event of any perceived problems regarding use of the road. It is understood that the property owner is installing water bars to limit run-off onto the road.

The selectmen agreed that Road Agent Buffum will be invited to discuss paving plans for Middletown Road.

The selectmen took receipt of a letter from New Hampshire Department of Transportation Commissioner Victoria Sheehan in which she asserted that the department will not compensate the Town for winter maintenance costs incurred regarding the Branch Road, a Class II state highway. She cited RSA 228:27 and RSA 230:4, which essentially empower the state to determine who is responsible for winter maintenance on Class II highways. Commissioner Sheehan added that, should the Town offer to take over summer maintenance of the Branch Road, the Transportation Department would increase the Town’s block grant aid proportional to the additional road mileage.

Selectman Rousmaniere reported about a meeting with a property owner on Houghton Ledge Road who the week earlier had presented a map of his property showing where excavated fill from the state government’s Route 9 highway improvement project would be deposited. The property owner said that he envisioned that 100 truckloads of fill would be involved. Rousmaniere reported that, given the projected volume of fill-related traffic and given the fact that the estimated volume of fill and traffic had recently varied between “one or two trucks” and more than 600 trucks, the property owner should approach the Zoning Board of Adjustment with the map and a written description of the project that includes a statement by the fill-provider as to the number of truckloads that will be involved in the project.

Selectman O’Brien provided an updated draft of a request for proposals for winter maintenance services.

The manifest was filled out by Selectman Funk and signed. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.