Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting August 20, 2018

In attendance: Selectmen Tim O'Brien and Jim Rousmaniere; road Agent Ken Buffum; a citizen

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.
Selectman O'Brien reported that, following extensive work, it appears that the town clerk's computer can now effectively operate on new software now in use at the state department of transportation.

The selectmen heard a second complaint (following on a complaint by another citizen last week) about the quality and safety of passage on The Davis Road. The complaint cited damage to tires from a pothole. The selectmen replied that the matter is being looked into.

Road Agent Buffum and the selectmen discussed various road issues. The discussions included the following:

1) Buffum will freshly contact a stump-grinding enterprise to grind out a stump on the east side of Middletown Road just north of the Dakin Road. Buffum reported that the enterprise had been tied up with recent storm damage repairs in the region.

2) Buffum will redirect the use of 1,000 tons of gravel that he and the selectmen had previously designated for use on Middletown Road. Instead, Buffum will now divide the gravel supply among (a) Middletown Road, (b) Houghton Ledge Road and (c) Dillingham Road. Buffum reported that he will order the gravel this week.

3) All discussions regarding methods of paving of parts of Middletown Road will be deferred until the selectmen's meeting next Monday, August 27. Correspondingly, discussions about the replacement of a culvert atop Nye Hill will be deferred until next week.

4) Regarding brush clearing along the Davis Road, two steps will be taken in the next seven days: (i) Buffum will get from one source an estimate for clearing both sides of said road and (ii) next Monday the selectmen will call another provider of such services to arrange a site visit for preparation of an estimate; that other provider, who is recommended by Joe Sabolevski, is Pat Greenwood (at 757-2073). (Greenwood reported August 20 that he cannot make a site visit until next week.)

5) The selectmen and Buffum will discuss paving issues along the steep upper part of the Davis Road at their next meeting August 27.

6) At their next meeting August 27 the selectmen and Buffum will discuss the pothole on Davis Road that has been the subject of recent complaints
It was noted that there has been extremely limited citizen response to a public request for volunteer help in painting the exterior of Town Hall next Saturday, August 25. Parts of the project have already begun, and it is expected that most of the west side of the building and most of the north-facing front side will be completed by the 25th. It was noted that resident Joe Sabolevski had previously offered the free use of a lift; it was decided that the painting work on the 25th will not entail heights that require such equipment.

The manifest was filled out by selectman Rousmaniere, and was signed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.