Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen meeting August 27, 2018

In attendance: Selectmen Mark Funk and Jim Rousmaniere; Police Chief Rob O’Connor, Road Agent Ken Buffum, State Senator Jay Kahn, a citizen

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.
The minutes from August 20 were approved.

State Senator Jay Kahn, representing District 10, discussed legislative affairs with the selectmen. The subjects included school funding in regional school districts and also an effort to improve cell phone reception in the town. On that latter point, Senator Kahn alerted the selectmen to possible federal funding for improvements to cell coverage, and he said that he would send appropriate material related to that effort.

A citizen asked for a copy of the form by which veterans tax exemptions might be secured.

The selectmen signed an intent-to-cut form.

Police Chief O’Connor described how he will meet with selectmen in Surry regarding possible Roxbury police coverage for that town’s federal flood control dam; Surry does not support the kind of local police services that Roxbury does. The selectmen approved the approach, which might then lead to a patrolling contract with the federal U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The selectmen discussed the Town Hall painting project, which drew the following volunteer scrapers and painters on August 25, in addition to Selectman Tim O’Brien, who painted on prior days: Sue Benik, Anthony Kline, Mark Funk, Roland Beauchemin, Gale Russell, Tim Mason, Fred White and Jim Rousmaniere. Most of the project has been completed. The project will be completed in coming weeks.

It was noted that next week’s selectmen’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, to account for the Labor Day weekend.

The selectmen, working with Road Agent Buffum, set the following priorities regarding road maintenance for the remainder of 2018:

1. Repair the previously discussed pothole on the Davis Road, including digging down three inches and applying ¾ asphalt
2. Replace the cross-pipe atop Nye Hill
3. Seal designated parts of Middletown Road
4. Apply the previously discussed 1,000 tons of gravel on Middletown Road, Houghton Ledge Road, Dillingham Road and Horse Hill Road
5. Assure that the previously discussed stump on the east side of Middletown Road is ground down
Further, it was agreed that Pat Greenwood will be approached this week to visit the Davis Road and make an estimate for brush clearing. Selectman Rousmaniere will contact Greenwood at 757-2073 to put him in touch with Road Agent Buffum.

Further, it was agreed that the following projects will be undertaken in 2019: (1) Sealing and otherwise maintaining the steep part of the Davis Road and (2) replacing three cross-pipes on the Davis Road just south of the Otter Brook federal flood control dam (It was agreed that the Army Corps of Engineers will be approached, possibly as early as this year, to be invited to participate in the project in that the culverts intersect with a large federally-owned pipe beneath the dam.)

On a separate matter, Road Agent Buffum proposed approaching a local person regarding possible contract work in mowing and brush-clearing in the town’s two cemeteries. The selectmen approved the idea.

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

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