Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen’s meeting Feb 11. 2019

In attendance: Selectmen Mark Funk and Jim Rousmaniere; three residents along Houghton Ledge Road.

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

The selectmen briefly discussed the contents of the upcoming Town Report.

The selectmen reviewed a request from a former long-time resident of the town who requested that, when the time comes, she be buried in Roxbury – as the right of all residents of the town. The selectmen consulted the cemetery policy file and concluded that the former resident, who had recently moved away, had lived in Roxbury long enough to qualify for special consideration regarding burial in a town cemetery; a letter was drafted to that effect, to be mailed to the former resident.

The selectmen were visited by three residents of Houghton Ledge Road who expressed multiple concerns regarding the reshaping of the road that occurred as part of the state government’s Route 9 construction project. Among the concerns was that the width of the road, now defined on one side by a guardrail, has led to one of the residents having to back up more than a few times because two-way traffic was not safe. The residents also complained about unusual amounts of ice forming at the bottom of the road where it intersects with Route 9. The residents also pointed out that the redesign of the road effectively removed a pull-over at the bottom of the road that they had previously used to park their vehicles when snow/ice conditions prevented them from making it up the road to their homes. The selectmen thanked the residents for coming forward with their concerns. The selectmen explained that they have been alerting state highway officials to concerns about the reshaping of Houghton Ledge Road, and will continue to press the case for corrective action.

The selectmen discussed concerns about a warrant article on the Monadnock School District ballot that, if approved by the district’s voters in March, could lead to substantial property tax increases in town.

There being no further business, Selectman Funk filled out the manifest, which was signed. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.