Minutes of the Roxbury Selectmen’s meeting September 30, 2019

In attendance: Selectmen Mark Funk, Jim Rousmaniere, Tim O'Brien and Administrative Assistant Sue Hart; resident Ed Ellis

The meeting opened at 5p.m.

The selectmen signed the MS-1 report which will be emailed to Loren Martin at Avitar. The new value of Roxbury’s properties is 23,600,000.00, which represents a 7% increase over last year. On September 27, 2019 representatives from Avitar met with six property owners to review property revaluations.

An invoice for $22,873.00 was received for material used for road maintenance. The selectmen believe this amount is out of line due to the quality of the material that was delivered. Selectmen will call the provider to discuss this, but the provider of the material is inclined to go to court.

The selectmen discussed the five year road improvement plan. Regarding the maintenance of Middletown Road, selectman Rousmaniere reported that town attorney Tom Hanna will research the extent of the City of Keene’s responsibility for maintenance of that road, based on a study of the City of Keene’s responsibility for maintenance of public property in Swanzey, NH, where the waste water treatment plant and airport are located.

Selectman Rousmaniere resumed communication with SWRPC regarding updating maps on the walls of the town hall.

The selectmen also discussed matters of maintenance on the Upper Davis Road. Ed Ellis drew attention to the fact that there is a Comprehensive Planning Program for the Town of Roxbury, dated in 1982. He also noted that the letter sent to him requiring him to remove old vehicles from his property was inaccurate, as the law states that vehicles that are registered may remain on the property. He also stated that he is allowed one unregistered vehicle on the property. Mr. Ellis hopes that the differences with the town can be resolved quickly. The selectmen received a letter from Kelly E. Dowd, attorney for Shane and Ed Ellis, in response to the letter that the selectmen had sent to them in September. The selectmen will forward this letter to the town attorney.

Selectman Funk spoke with the representative for the Army Corps. of Engineers regarding the repairs to the section of Davis Road that goes to the dam. They will be patching the road first, and subsequently a complete repair of the road, including culverts will be completed over a couple of years.

A resident requested contact information for an Avitar representative, which was provided. A property owner requested a tax bill including all amounts due up to the present time, and that information was forwarded to said property owner.

Selectman Funk filled out the manifest, which was signed. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.