

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020  
7:00PM – 8:19PM

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Shane Ryan and Road Commissioner Dave McShane

STAFF PARTICIPATING: Selectboard Assistant Tammy Legacy

PUBLIC: Tom Frazier, Dave Santi, Mark Gerdes, Arthur Smith, John Parzych, Tim Sullivan, Carol Edwards, Terry Edwards and Don Randall

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Dave added cemeteries under Other Business. Dave suggested the Board hold Approving Minutes and Re-Organization of the Board because Clare St. John is not attending the meeting.
3. Approving Minutes – on hold
4. Re-Organization of the Board – on hold
5. Tom Frazier came to the Board to discuss a suggestion he has to resolve the issues in the village. Tom submitted Berman v. Parker Supreme Court case. The Board and Tom discussed the case. There was some public opinion on subject of seizing blighted private property. According to the case mentioned, the Town could take control of derelict properties for the public good with just compensation. Dave McShane spoke about an opinion from the now's attorney regarding eminent domain. Salvage laws were discussed. Tom stated he is trying to get things moving and get the village rehabilitated. Dave mentioned that the State Police has received one complaint regarding the situation in the village. Arthur Smith requested copies of attorney's response. Carol Edwards mentioned that she has lived here for 42 years, Roxbury was a beautiful Town and she loved it. It is not as loveable a Town as it used to be, it could be beautiful like it used to be. John Parzych suggested the Board look into starting a program, an incentive to get people to clean up their properties.
6. Public
  - a) Tim Sullivan, Roxbury's Representative to the Central Vermont Internet Board, updated the Board on what is happened at CVI.
  - b) Terry Edwards asked about the water supply in the village. Is there any concern that it could be contaminated with what is happening in the village? Dave stated the water is tested yearly and the water supply is not near the area's in question.
7. Road Commissioner's Report
  - a) Roads are in good shape.
  - b) Equipment is being prepared for winter. The new One Ton is at Lucky's for the body and plow.
  - c) Warren Mountain Road Slope Project – The project has gone out to bid, pre-bid meeting was last Friday.
  - d) A Letter of Intent has been sent to the CVRPC Municipal Roads Grant-In- Aid Program. Dave explained the program was to help stop erosions, to get things to the best management practices.
  - e) Discussed the Class 2 Grant.
  - f) A request for an extension was submitted for the Structures Grant on Warren Mountain Road.
8. Financial Report
  - a) The Board reviewed and discussed the orders. Dave moved to approve the orders. The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

- b) Tammy updated the Board on income received.
  - \$16,680.10 for supplemental income for highways. This income was approved by Legislature to help all towns, not just the town's that received a grant.
  - \$16,147.38 for quarterly highway income
  - \$ 2,607.10 for property tax adjustment
  - \$ 5,661.00 for PILOT payment

#### 9. Unfinished Business – none

Dave Santi mentioned that both his properties are in the Vermont Historic Record.

Tom Frazier asked about the status of Town finances due to COVID-19. Dave stated all is ok.

Don Randall mentioned some grants are not available.

#### 10. New Business

- a) Ryan Zajac submitted a request to once again use the former Garner property for an ice rink. The Board discussed the request. By consensus, the Board agreed to the request as long as COVID-19 protocol is adhered to.
- b) Dave mentioned the Board had received one request about recording meetings. Dave read aloud the opinion from the Secretary of State's Office. If meetings are taped, the recordings only need to be kept until the written minutes are approved. Dave Santi stated that tapes are word for word, minutes are only what is required.
- c) The Board discussed an alternative source of power to use at the Town Office when the electricity goes out. One suggestion was Tesla. The Board will discuss this further at the next meeting.

#### 11. Other Business

- a) Dave Santi reminded the Board he will be on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss his proposal.
- b) Dave suggested the Board go out to bid for the mowing of cemeteries and Town properties. In the past it was done by the Vermont Corrections but due to COVID-19, they were unable to do it this past summer. Tammy mentioned that Jason's Handiwork did a good job this summer. Dave agreed and stated they have experience with mowing cemeteries.
- c) Don Randall mentioned a property on Bull Run Road, next to his property, has trailers that have cave-in, lots of cars and old building material, more stuff coming in all the time. He said he had called Ryan McCall from the State. Nothing has been done. Don wonders why the Town has to deal with this when the laws are clear. It was mentioned that people should contact their Representatives. Tom Frazier said the Town needs to step up and start dealing with this.
- d) Tim Sullivan mentioned recording meetings. Also, CV Internet did not receive grant money. CV Fiber and EC Fiber were discussed.
- e) No Update on Cell Towers.
- f) Someone dumped tires on Cram Hill Road.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Tammy Legacy, Selectboard Assistant  
Approved on November 16, 2020