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ROXBURY BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 5, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Barbara Henry, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Present: Barbara Henry, James Conway & Russ Dirienzo

Board of Finance Members Present: Andy Engel, Wayne Piskura, Sarah Foreman, Nanette Falkenberg, John Hopkins & Ed Cady

Others Present: Todd Wheeler, Sarah Lauriat, Karen Puskas, and members of the Fire Department

BUSINESS

Discussion with the Board of Selectmen and Fire Department about the 2018-2019 Budget

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance met with the Fire Department to discuss their proposed budget. The Fire Department is looking at replacing Rescue 9 and Engine 10 in the future, but not within the next budgetary year. Rescue 9 has a lot of outdated features. Engine 10 is 20 years old and is needed for fire suppression. Todd Wheeler informed the Boards the Fire Department has put together a Truck Committee to explore replacement options. The Committee will be looking at combining the duties of both trucks into one, and refurbishment. A combined truck is estimated at \$700,000.00. The Fire Department will be able to apply for grant money for a new truck. It was noted grant money is not available for refurbishing a truck. There was a discussion about mutual aid with surrounding towns, and the types of equipment other towns have. Todd Wheeler stated the Committee will have more information by the Fall and they will keep the Boards informed. Sarah Lauriat shared the Fire Departments 2015 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form with the Boards.

The Boards expressed their appreciation to the Fire Department, and thanked them for coming in.

<u>Discussion with Board of Selectmen and Recreation Commission about the 2018-19 Budget</u>

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance met with the Karen Puskas from the Recreation Commission to discuss their budget. There was a discussion about money not spent, and if the Recreation Commission would be using it. The Recreation Commission is currently working with residents in town who are organizing a jazz festival and some of the money will be applied toward that. Karen Puskas noted some of the funds were put aside so the Recreation Commission would be able to buy tables and other items for the Pavilion once it was completed.

The Boards thanked her for coming in.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. was made by Andy Engel; seconded by Wayne Piskura and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, **Julie Cady**Julie Cady, Secretary

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