



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Board of Selectmen

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ROXBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING APRIL 2, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 5, 2018

Motion: Motion was made to approve Regular Meeting Minutes- March 5, 2018 by Russ Dirienzo; seconded by James Conway and carried unanimously.

Special Meeting – March 8, 2018

Motion: Motion was made to approve Special Meeting Minutes- March 8, 2018 by James Conway; seconded by Barbara Henry and carried. Russ Dirienzo abstained.

TAX REFUNDS FOR EXCESS PAYMENT

Motion: Motion was made by Russ Dirienzo to approve the following tax refunds:

- Daimler Trust - \$290.39
- Minglewood Tree - \$98.26
- Minglewood Tree - \$39.76
- CitiMortgage - \$4,834.04

The motion was seconded by James Conway and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Barbara Henry noted there were no communications from the public.

COMMISSIONS & BOARDS APPOINTMENTS/OTHER

Inland Wetlands Commission, vacancy exp. 08/31/2019

Motion: Motion made to appointment Jack Roush to the Inlands Wetlands Commission, to fill the vacant alternate position expiring on 08/31/2019 by Barbara Henry; seconded by James Conway. Russ Dirienzo abstained.

Conservation Commission – vacancy exp 06/30/2019

Motion: Motion made to appointment Russ Pribanic as a Regular Member from an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission, to fill the vacant position expiring on 06/30/2019 by Russ Dirienzo; seconded by Barbara Henry.

Conservation Commission, Alt – vacancy exp 06/30/2019

Motion: Motion made to Table an appointment to the Conservation Commission, to fill the now vacant alternate position expiring on 06/30/2019 by Barbara Henry; seconded by Russ Dirienzo.

BUSINESS

Thank you to Ceil Santillo for service on Conservation Commission

Ceil Santillo was not available tonight. This has been rescheduled for next month's BOS meeting.

Motion: Motion made to Table Thank You to Ceil Santillo by Barbara Henry; seconded by Russ Dirienzo.

Revised LOSAP Award Plan

Motion: Motion made to approve the revised and restated Length of Service Award Plan which incorporates the Trust, and the Board of Selectmen will now serve as trustees by Russ Dirienzo; seconded by James Conway and carried unanimously.

Police Special Duty Fee

There was a discussion regarding police special duty fees and how they vary by the surrounding towns.

Package Store Permit

Barbara Henry stated Brad Bombard would like for the following question to be asked at the next referendum: Motion made by Russ Dirienzo to ask at the next referendum:

“Would you like to see the Town of Roxbury amend current zoning regulation 4.9.16 which bans State of Connecticut defined Package Store, to allow a wine and liquor store to operate in a commercial D zoned area of town? Vote: Yes _____ No _____”

The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry.

James Conway stated Mr. Bombard needs to first petition 10% of Roxbury electors before this question can be asked during a town vote, and asked if he had done so. It was verified Mr. Bombard had not done this. Russ Dirienzo withdrew his motion and Barbara Henry withdrew her second to the motion.

Roxbury Jazz Festival Update

Barbara Henry stated plans are being worked on for the Roxbury Jazz Festival to be held on August 11, 2018, in Munson Meadow. The Recreation commission is working with the event organizers.

Autism Awareness

Barbara Henry shared a letter from Patrick Lavigne with the Selectmen. Patrick Lavigne is working on his senior project to raise autism awareness, and requested if the Town Hall could be lit up in blue on Monday, April 2, 2018, Autism Awareness Day. The Town Hall lighting was unable to be changed. In honor of his request and to help raise autism awareness the Board of Selectman all wore blue, and had their picture taken for Patrick.

Botsford Hill Road Culvert Mitigation

Barbara Henry reported the application was submitted for the Local Bridge Program Grant. She called and confirmed it was received. However; the grant money is suspended until we get a state budget. All applications will be reviewed, and the grants will be given based on need, instead of on a first come, first serve basis.

Sustainable CT

Barbara Henry reported she met with the Sustainable CT group. Jessyka Patterson and Teresa Roxburgh are overseeing the program and are trying to get the Town certified in May.

Legislation Updates

Barbara Henry reported she will be attending a CCM legislation update on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Fire Marshal & Resident Trooper Reports – March 2018

The Fire Marshal report for March 2018 was reviewed by the Selectmen. There was no Resident Trooper report available for review.

Miscellaneous FY 18-19 Budget

Barbara Henry reported the Board of Finance have been meeting to discuss the 2018/2019 budget.

Airbnb Discussion

Motion: Motion was made to add Airbnb discussion to the agenda by James Conway, seconded by Barbara Henry and carried unanimously.

James Conway reported he went to a seminar at the NHCOC on Airbnb's. Some smaller towns are currently in law suits over them. There is currently no zoning regulation in our Town to address Airbnb's. There was a discussion about regulating Airbnb's through a zoning amendment vs. town ordinance. James Conway stated Jocelyn Ayers of NHCOC recommends an ordinance. It was noted no complaints have been received regarding ones currently operating in town. Barbara Henry stated it is better to be proactive instead of reactive. Russ Dirienzo stated it would be used to regulate not restrict.

OTHER BUSINESS

William Cario

Motion: Motion was made to add a discussion about William Cario to the agenda by Barbara Henry, seconded by James Conway and carried unanimously.

William (Bill) Cario is the newest Town Constable. He comes to Roxbury after retiring with the CT State Police with a lot of experience as well as a volunteer EMT with RAA. He will be a great addition to our police force. His badge number is AC95.

Freedom Angel Discussion

Motion: Motion was made to add a discussion about the Freedom Angel sculpture by Sterett-Gittings Kelsey to the Town by Barbara Henry; seconded by Russ Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Barbara Henry notified the Board that Sterett-Gittings Kelsey would like to have her Freedom Angel sculpture located in Munson Meadow for display. The Selectmen discussed the generous idea and decided they could only accept the donation if it was fully insured by her.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. was made by Russ Dirienzo; seconded by James Conway and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Cady

Julie Cady, Secretary

These minutes are not considered official until approved at the next Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Board of Selectmen