

**ROXBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**March 4, 2009  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barbara Henry, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She explained that the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Present: Barbara Henry, First Selectman; Robert Lowe and Russell Dirienzo Selectmen; Members of the Public

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Robert Lowe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 2, 2009 and Special Meeting held February 6, 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried.

**TAX REFUNDS**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the following tax refund of Audio Engineering Service - \$18.55 – excess payment. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Barbara Henry reported that there were no communications from the public this month.

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS APPOINTMENTS**

**NW Regional Housing Authority Member**

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the appointment of the NW Regional Housing Authority Member. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried.

**Recreation Commission – vacancy expiring 06/30/2011**

Barbara Henry explained that Jennifer Benner has agreed to fill Ron Faanes' seat on the Recreation Commission.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to appoint Jennifer Benner to the Recreation Commission vacancy expiring 06/30/2011. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**Inland-Wetlands Commission – vacancy expiring 8/31/2010**

Russell Dirienzo stepped down.

Barbara Henry noted that Patricia O'Connor has agreed to step up from IWC Alternate position to fill Greg Cava's vacated Regular seat on the IWC.

Motion by Barbara Henry to appoint Patricia O'Connor to the Inland-Wetlands Commission vacancy expiring 8/31/2010. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**Inland-Wetlands Commission, Alt – vacancy expiring 8/31/2011**

Barbara Henry noted that John Smoliga has agreed to fill Tom Schade's vacated seat as an Alternate on the IWC.

Motion by Barbara Henry to appoint John Smoliga to the Inland-Wetlands Commission Alt. vacancy expiring 8/31/2011. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**Historic District Commission, Alt – vacancy expiring 12/31/2009**

Russell Dirienzo was reelected.

Barbara Henry made a motion to appoint Richard Stevenson to the Historic District Commission, Alt – vacancy expiring 12/31/2009. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**Historic District Commission – vacancy expiring 12/31/2013**

The Board expressed their sorrow for the loss of Tom Cole who passed away on March 1<sup>st</sup> and wanted to record to show their appreciation for his service to the town which was more than his service on the HDC.

Barbara Henry made a motion to appoint Jack Huber, who is currently an Alternate, to fill the vacancy of Tom Cole's Regular position on the Historic District Commission expiring 12/31/2013. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**Historic District Commission – vacancy expiring 12/31/2011**

Barbara Henry reported that they are looking for someone to fill Peter Wooster's seat on the Historic District Commission. The BOS thanked Mr. Wooster for all his years of service and expressed their wishes for him to get well.

Barbara Henry noted that she sends thank you letters from the Selectmen to all commission and board members who resign.

**BUSINESS**

**K-5 Maintenance & Repair Project-Meeting with Dr. Storm**

Barbara Henry confirmed receipt of Dr. Storm's e-mail dated 2/27/09 by the Board and read it aloud. Dr. Storm explained that he received the BOE endorsement of a plan to develop as comprehensive a cost estimate as possible for a single maintenance and repair effort for the three facilities used by the Region for K-5 education. The expected completion for this report is on or around April 1.

The Board agreed to try to schedule a meeting with Dr. Storm combined with the BOF meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> to receive an update on this project. They would also offer April 6<sup>th</sup>, the BOS meeting date, as a possible meeting date and invite the BOF to attend.

**ZEO/IWEO Update**

Barbara Henry reported that Mary Barton is scheduled to start as the new ZEO/IWEO on March 5<sup>th</sup> provided that she is not called for jury duty. She will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays putting in 12.5 hours for Zoning and 2.5 hours for Wetlands per week. Ms. Barton will retain her position in Thomaston as ZEO/IWEO as well.

### **First Light - Agreement**

Barbara Henry confirmed the Board's receipt of the e-mailed Agreement for their review. She explained that First Light is asking for municipalities to agree that homeowners will go to First Light for permission to build a dock on the lake prior to going to the Town for a permit. The Board agreed that since Roxbury has such a small shore line it will have little impact.

A motion was made by Russell Dirienzo to allow the First Selectman to sign the First Light Agreement. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

### **Resolution – Gov. Rell's Budget and Moratorium on Binding Arbitration**

Russell Dirienzo explained that he supports this Resolution to temporarily suspend binding arbitration for two years to empower towns and taxpayers with regard to this issue. He noted that it is needed in these tough economic times.

A motion was made by Russell Dirienzo to accept the following Resolution:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Body of the Town of Roxbury supports Governor Rell's No Tax Increase State Budget and asks our State Legislators to enact state legislation to suspend state Binding Arbitration requirements for two years and limit mandatory subjects of Binding Arbitration to salaries and benefits. By doing, elected officials of the Town of Roxbury will have the opportunity to effectively manage the Town of Roxbury and to control our property taxes.

The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

### **Resolution – Girl Scout Week**

Barbara Henry made a motion to accept the following proclamation:

I, Barbara Henry, the First Selectman of the Town of Roxbury, do hereby applaud the commitment the Girl Scouts have made to support the leadership development of America's girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> as Girl Scout Week.

The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried.

### **8-24 Referral to Planning for Minor Bridge Rehabilitation**

Barbara Henry explained that Minor Bridge Rehab needs an 8024 Referral from Planning before it can move forward.

Motion by Robert Lowe to send an 8-24 Referral to Planning for Minor Bridge Rehabilitation. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried.

### **Budget**

Barbara Henry reported that the budget is being worked on daily. It has been agreed that there will not be any salary increases this year and hours have been cut in certain areas.

### **Telecommunication Tax Rebate – Woodbury Telephone Co. Towns**

When SNET acquired the assets of Woodbury Telephone Company the five towns in which the access lines are located did not receive their proportionate share of the outside plant investment. Roxbury's share of this is \$16,606.88 which should be received by the town before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Barbara Henry noted that they owe Gene Heidenreich of the Town of Bethlehem thanks for bringing this to the proper people's attention.

### **Town Hall Hot Water Heater**

Barbara Henry explained that the hot water heater in Town Hall broke and caused a small flooding incident. She reported that Mike Foreman did a great job replacing the hot water heater. The broken water heater was not under warranty.

### **Booth Free School Lease**

Barbara Henry reported that the BOE is waiting for their attorney to review the lease. She noted that the BOE would like to wait to see if the referendum passes prior to their signing the lease. She explained that if the referendum passes then they can simply amend the lease.

The Board agreed that should the lease not be signed by the expiration of the extension in June they will have to charge rent.

A motion was made by Russell Dirienzo for the First Selectman to send a letter to the BOE stating that the BOS is not willing to sign another extension on the Booth Free School Lease. If a new lease is not signed by June 30<sup>th</sup> then rent will be charged in an amount to be determined. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

### **Sand & Salt Budget**

Barbara Henry reported that they are over budget on sand and salt. She explained that they have enough for two more storms.

### **Town Historical Society Barn – Future Use**

The Board agreed that they would need to review the written requests for the use of the Town Historical Society Barn and solicit input from the Fire Marshal before they make a decision regarding its future use.

### **Fire Marshal's Report – January**

Barbara Henry reviewed the Fire Marshal's Report with the Board. She noted that there were 11 calls in January.

### **Other Business**

#### **Policy for Filming Guide**

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the discussion regarding the Policy for Filming Guide. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried.

#### **Executive Session – Property Appraisal**

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the Executive Session regarding property appraisal as the appraisal was not received in time for the meeting.

The motion by seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to adjourn at 7:33 pm. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

***Tai Kern***

Tai Kern,  
Secretary

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