

**ROXBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING**

**November 2, 2009
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Barbara Henry, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
Present: Barbara Henry, First Selectman; Robert Lowe and Russell Dirienzo, Selectmen; Dennis McDonald, Tom Holroyd, Shelly Holroyd, Members of the Public; and Tammy McVey-Camilleri of Voices and Jack Corragio of the Litchfield County Times.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Barbara Henry to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 5, 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Motion by Robert Lowe to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held October 22, 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried 2-0-1. Russell Dirienzo abstained.

TAX REFUNDS

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the tax refunds of:

GMAC \$131.23

Saab Leasing Co. \$118.70

Geof or Joan Ravenstine \$60.57

Benjamin Cover \$74.98

The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dennis McDonald explained that he received a phone call from someone who heard Barbara Henry saying at the Transfer Station that Mr. McDonald was not making himself available to debate. Russell Dirienzo noted that he felt that the BOS meeting was not the correct forum for this. He explained that this is political and not town business. Mr. McDonald explained that the reason he became a write-in candidate was because the BOS endorsed a “no” vote regarding the election of Zoning Commission members rather than to appoint the members as they do currently.

Tom Holroyd questioned why Barbara Henry will be voting no in the election regarding the zoning change. Barbara Henry explained that she voted yes to allow the public to make this decision; however, she feels that there was not enough time to educate the public and that this could have waited since they still have two years to make this decision. Barbara Henry noted that she is entitled to an opinion.

Tom Holroyd noted that he has a problem with how the current Republican and Democratic Town Committees function. Barbara Henry explained that she is not a member and

has no authority over these committees. He will have to go directly to the committees with his problem.

Dennis McDonald questioned again why he was not given the opportunity to debate Barbara Henry. Barbara Henry responded that perhaps if he had let her know his intentions to run as a write-in candidate, instead of hearing it from the press and if it was earlier than two weeks ahead of time maybe a debate would have been set up. She has also been tied up this past week with the aftermath of a tragic automobile accident involving 3 Roxbury families.

Shelly Holroyd noted that she resents the statement that the only reason they want the Zoning Commission elected is because they have angst with them. Ms. Holroyd noted that Barbara Henry originally supported Ms. Holroyd's agricultural venture; however, shortly thereafter appointed Toby Goldfarb to Zoning. Ms. Holroyd explained that Barbara Henry agreed to take care of her Zoning issues for her, but she never did. Barbara Henry clarified that she never agreed to take care of Ms. Holroyd's zoning issues. Although she is an ex officio member, a non-voting member, the Zoning Commission makes their own decisions.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS APPOINTMENTS

Inland-Wetlands Commission, Alt. – 09/01/02009 - 08/31/2012

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the appointment of Inland-Wetlands Commission, Alt. – 09/01/02009 - 08/31/2012. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Rec Commission vacancy exp 6/30/2010 – Andy Engel

Motion by Barbara Henry to appoint Andy Engel to the Rec Commission vacancy expiring 6/30/2010. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

Judds Bridge – Resolution/Endorsement letter

Barbara Henry read aloud the following resolution/endorsement letter that the BOS needs to approve:

“The Town of Roxbury fully supports the initiative of the American Recovery Investment Act of 2009 and looks forward to proceeding with the proposed transportation project to repair Judd's Bridge over the Shepaug River. NW CT Council of Governments has selected this project as a regional priority and has agreed to utilize federal funds as well as a STEAP Grant up to the allocated amount for construction activities on the proposed projects. In an effort to keep persons informed and involved in the project we have published a notice of our intentions in the Voices newspaper on November 1, 2009. To date we have received no opposition to the project.”

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the letter to endorse the Judds Bridge project. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Judds Bridge – Resident Meeting

Barbara Henry reported that an informational meeting on the proposal to finish the repairs on Judds Bridge will be held Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Residents and any other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this.

Probate Court Update

Barbara Henry explained that the towns within the agreed-upon new district will need to decide the location of the new Probate Court and its name. A meeting has been scheduled at the Southbury Town Hall for November 10th with all the First Selectmen and Probate Judges to make these decisions. Barbara Henry noted that the Southbury location was Roxbury's agreed upon preferred district location.

Cell Tower Transylvania Road

Barbara Henry noted that she has asked for e-mail addresses of residents on Transylvania Road. The balloon is scheduled to float again on November 14th. She is working on finding the exact hours they plan to float the balloon. She is gathering information to present to the Siting Council. She discussed issues of concern such as health issues and the necessity and placement of the tower. They are scheduled to go before the IWC in November.

POCD Draft – Comments

Barbara Henry reported that the BOS will be present at the Public Hearing scheduled for November 12 and will present their comments on the POCD then.

Environmental Coordinator – Gimme 5 Program

Barbara Henry reported that Alexandra Gross’ “Gimme 5” recycling program kicked off this weekend. Quite a few people recycled their #5 plastics at the transfer station. She thanked Alex for initiating this program.

CRRA – Recycling #3-#7

Barbara Henry noted that CRRA contacted her to advise that CRRA will begin recycling #3 through #7 plastics starting this spring, 2010.

Fire Marshal’s Report – October

Barbara Henry reviewed the 9 calls on the Fire Marshal’s Report with the Board.

Other Business

Motion by Barbara Henry to add discussion regarding Ranney Hill Road, Minor Bridge and Town Hall to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Ranney Hill Road

Barbara Henry noted that Frank Laskey of FSM did a fabulous job completing the culvert replacement and distributed pictures of the site. Robert Lowe questioned the length of time it took to complete. Barbara Henry explained that the posts took two weeks longer than they had anticipated to be received but are now installed.

Minor Bridge

Barbara Henry reported that they received the bids for Minor Bridge infrastructure. Doug DiVesta has reviewed the bids. There are two low bids, both reputable companies and both have worked in town before. The cost to oversee the project is being clarified by the bidders and then a decision will be made.

Town Hall

Barbara Henry reported that Good Hill replaced the new thermostats and boiler headers as planned and as budgeted.

Motion by Robert Lowe to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Kern

Tai Kern,
Secretary

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