

**ROXBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING**

**June 1, 2009
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Barbara Henry, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Barbara Henry, First Selectman; Robert Lowe and Russell Dirienzo, Selectmen; Duane Andrews, Sue Stauffacher, and David Wolfe, Energy Task Force members; and Dennis McDonald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 4, 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

TAX REFUNDS

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the tax refund of Michael or Nina Walsh - \$95.97 – excess payment. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS APPOINTMENTS

Inland-Wetlands Commission. Alt. – vacancy expiring 08/31/2011

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the appointment to the Inland-Wetlands Commission, Alt. – vacancy expiring 08/31/2011. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Recreation Commission – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012

Motion by Barbara Henry to re-appoint Bill Petrino to the Recreation Commission – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Recreation Commission – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012

Barbara Henry reported that both Mo Van Moffaert and Ric Jacobs will be stepping down from the Recreation Commission. She thanked them for their work on the Commission.

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the appointment to the Recreation Commission – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Recreation Commission – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the appointment to the Recreation Commission – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Conservation Commission – vacancy exp. 06/30/2010

Barbara Henry reported that Ron Pizzarelli will be stepping down from the Conservation Commission. She thanked him for his time on the Commission.

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the appointment to the Conservation Commission – vacancy exp. 06/30/2010. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Conservation Commission – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012

Motion by Barbara Henry to table to the appointment to the Conservation Commission – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Conservation Commission, Alt – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012

Motion by Barbara Henry to reappoint Ceil Santillo the Conservation Commission, Alt – 3 yr term – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2012. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Charter Communications – 2 yr. term - 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2011

Motion by Barbara Henry to re-appoint Greg Davis to Charter Communications – 2 yr. term - 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2011. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

LLA Patrol Officers

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to accept and approve the following LLA Marine Patrol Officers for the 2009 season: Tony Augustine, Kevin Brooks, John Pugliese, Christopher Rosado, Kevin Seeley, Douglas Vane, and Jameson Zaloski. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

Energy Task Force Updates

Chairman of the Energy Task Force, Duane Andrews, explained that the Selectmen asked the Task Force to look into a couple of Town buildings regarding energy usage. He reported that they have done an audit on the Senior Center and also looked into the Fire House. Additionally, they held a meeting for residents on how to save energy in their homes.

David Wolfe has tracked energy usage in the Town for the past year and submitted a report to the Selectmen for their review. He noted that the electricity for the Town Christmas tree is an example of something that should be looked into in an effort to find energy-saving solutions. He explained that they have made several suggestions to save energy in the areas they have reviewed.

Duane Andrews explained that the Task Force looked into solar power. They reviewed an idea to place a PV ring at the Transfer Station using the State's solar rebate fund for the project. The Town would have to agree to purchase their electricity from Solar Power Partners for 15 years. There are no longer funds available from the State for the rebate; however, there is a Senate Bill up for review with regard to this fund.

Barbara Henry explained that the Town expects to receive @ \$31,000 in Federal funds for energy projects through the Stimulus package. She asked the Task Force for suggestions as to what they would suggest the Town do with this money. It was noted

that they might want to consider auditing the buildings in Town that use the most amount of energy.

Barbara Henry thanked the Task Force for giving their update and supplying the information they provided. She asked that they report their suggestions in writing to the Selectmen so that they can review and consider implementation.

FOI Complaints

Dennis McDonald explained his difficulties obtaining a copy of an opinion given by the Town Attorney and discussed at a Zoning meeting. He suggested that opinions given by the Town Attorney with regard to land use should be noted and kept with the minutes of the meeting in which it is discussed.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to have the First Selectman contact the Town Attorney and instruct her to copy the First Selectman on any land use opinion provided so that she can ensure that it is placed in public record. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Russell Dirienzo confirmed for Mr. McDonald that the culvert to be repaired on Pickett Rd. is 58 feet from the town line.

Probate Court Update

Barbara Henry reported that she spoke with Rep. Arthur O'Neill regarding the status of the consolidation of Roxbury and Southbury Probate Courts. The House voted to consolidate to 50 Probate Courts in the State as well as the Southbury and Roxbury merger. The Bill still needs to go to the Senate and she expects their full support. Barbara Henry noted that she was happy that the Town was proactive regarding this issue.

FAA Flight Plan - AG

Barbara Henry reported that the AG presented oral arguments regarding the flight path over Southwest Connecticut on May 11, 2009.

CIRMA Rates

Barbara Henry reported that due to Roxbury's good record their rates for liability will remain unchanged.

State Police Contract & Overtime

Barbara Henry reported that she is awaiting confirmation that the cost of the Resident State Trooper will remain at 70 percent. Overtime for the Trooper will be at an increased cost of 53.2%. She has stated her opposition to this increase and has informed the State Police that the Town will not be asking for overtime hours from the Trooper. She noted that they would like to explore the possibility of sharing a Resident Trooper with a neighboring town, but that is not an option right now.

Barbara Henry reported that Roxbury's Resident Trooper, Tfc. Frans Dielemans, will be taking early retirement offered by the State effective June 30th. The Troop will be interviewing for a new Trooper, with a temporary Trooper until the position is filled.

Squire Road Repairs Update

Barbara Henry reported that the repairs have been made. The Town will finish some work on the side of the road. She noted that they are still awaiting a return of a culvert to be made, which is at the Contractor's residence. The Contractor has explained that the supplier will not refund the Town's money. Barbara Henry intends to contact the supplier directly regarding this issue.

WeRecycle Event

Barbara Henry reported that over 9000 lbs. of electronics were collected during the Earth Day Event.

HHW Day – August 29, 2009

Barbara Henry reported that household hazardous waste collection will be on August 29, 2009. Items such as electronics and paints will be collected from Bridgewater and Roxbury residents.

Fire Marshal's Report – May

Barbara Henry reported that she has not received a Fire Marshal's Report for May.

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the Fire Marshal's report. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Policy for Filming Guide

Barbara Henry explained that a commercial is scheduled to be filmed in Roxbury in three weeks and that it would be helpful to have a policy for filming established.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo that filming in Roxbury will require a permit issued by the First Selectman, a fee of \$100 will be collected and those filming will be required to hire the police. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Town Barn – Future Use

Barbara Henry reported that they have not received requests for use of the barn in writing. She did have a verbal request to use the barn for a wedding; however, the Fire Marshal could not allow such an event.

Motion by Barbara Henry to add to the agenda discussion regarding the Historic District book, Joe O'Brien's 95th birthday, and political signs on Town property. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Historic District Book

Barbara Henry explained that the Friends of the Senior Center have organized a Historic District walk. They want to have 200 of the Historic District books reprinted to sell the day of the walk. The cost to reprint is \$2,900 which they plan to reimburse after the sale of the books. Barbara Henry asked the Selectmen's permission to fund the reprint of the books.

Motion by Robert Lowe to use only the money in the special account set up for this purpose to fund the printing of the Historic District Books. The motion was seconded Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

Joe O'Brien- 95th Birthday Celebrated

Barbara Henry explained that she, Gary and Nancy Lord and Russ and Brooke Wheeler celebrated Joe O'Brien's 95th birthday at the Charcoal Chef. They presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift certificate to the Charcoal Chef from the Town.

Political Signs on Town Property

Barbara Henry noted that she received several calls regarding the political signs on Town property. The Town Attorney has advised that political signs are permitted under the Constitution right of speech. The Town would need to address all signs posted on Town property by any organization in order eliminate the political signs.

Executive Session – Property Appraisals

At 8:29 p.m. the Board convened into executive session.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to come out of executive session at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tai Kern,
Secretary

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