

**ROXBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING**

**January 5, 2009  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 1, 2008 as presented. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to table the approval of the Special Meeting held December 18, 2008. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**TAX REFUNDS**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the following tax refunds:

James Hagen - \$137.78 – excess payment

Porsche Leasing Ltd. - \$110.45 – excess payment

Volvo Finance NA Inc. - \$17.05 – excess payment

Volvo Finance NA Inc. - \$125.57 – excess payment

DIRECTV INC. - \$30.08 – excess payment

Mercedes-Benz Financial - \$58.90 – 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.

Barbara Henry presented the Secretary, Tai Kern, with a holiday gift from the Board and thanked her for all her help this year.

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS APPOINTMENTS**

**NW Regional Housing Authority Member**

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

**LLA, 4 yr term 01/01/2009 – 12/31/2012**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to table the appointment of LLA, 4 yr term 01/01/2009 – 12/31/2012. Seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**ZBA, 5-yr term 01/01/2009 – 12/31/2013 – Jean O'Reilly**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to appoint Jean O'Reilly to ZBA, 5 yr term 01/01/2009 – 12/31/2013. Seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**BUSINESS**

**Budget Schedule**

Barbara Henry reported that the budgets have been disbursed and they need to be back by February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board agreed that there was no need for a meeting unless certain groups have issues with their budgets. Issues should be brought to the attention of the Selectmen prior to going to the Board of Finance.

The Board discussed the cutbacks occurring in other towns and noted they are attempting to hold the line if possible. They noted that they will have to see what comes before them. Capital projects may need to take a cut.

**ZEO/IWEO Update**

Barbara Henry reported that she will post the ZEO/IWEO position in the newspaper.

**Judds Bridge Update**

Barbara Henry reported that the State's final inspection on Judds Bridge is scheduled for this Friday morning. They are awaiting this inspection to reopen. She noted the excellent job that Gene Parsons has done in facilitating communications during this project.

**Economic Stimulus Package Projects**

Barbara Henry noted that the Board members have received a copy of the letter to the Governor regarding the Economic Stimulus Package Projects with the requested outline of projects. Additionally, Barbara Henry reported that she applied for STEAP Grants for the firehouse upgrades and Minor Bridge rehab.

**Squire Road Update**

Barbara Henry reported that she has not heard anymore on this since the December 18th meeting. Doug DiVesta cannot confirm completion because the contractor has not requested his review. Consequently the balance has not been paid. The Board agreed to forward the payment of \$38,268.10 for the increase in asphalt used.

**Go Red for Women Proclamation**

Barbara Henry explained they have been asked by the American Heart Association to have a Go Red for Women Proclamation. This will say that February 1st will be Wear Red for Women Day. Those who wish to participate can make donations, wear something red and jeans on that day. The office will draft a proclamation to this affect.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to adopt Go Red for Women Day. Seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

**Town Historical Society Barn – Future Use/Electric Charges**

Barbara Henry reported that the Public Works Department will be moving the luminaries from the old firehouse to the barn because they were not used due to the weather. She noted that the Senior Center has requested use of the barn. The Board agreed that those who wish to use the barn should submit their ideas to the Board of Selectmen in writing. The Board will evaluate each idea and make a decision on the best use for the barn. Barbara Henry noted that there would be a limit to what the Fire Marshal will allow to be stored in the barn. The Board agreed that the approximate \$15 per month

charge for electricity that the Historical Society paid when they occupied the barn, should be paid for by the Town.

**Fire Marshal's Report – November**

Barbara Henry reviewed with the Board the 9 calls that the Fire Department responded to in November.

**Policy for Filming Guide**

Motion by Robert Lowe to table the discussion regarding the Policy for Filming Guide. Seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Appraisals**

Barbara Henry noted that she has nothing to report regarding the appraisals that had been authorized by the Board.

**Summary of School Repairs**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to add discussion regarding the summary of school repairs to the agenda. Seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

Barbara Henry explained that she and Robert Lowe agreed to attend the Board of Education meeting this evening. It is expected that the Selectmen from each town will be asked if they will support going to bonding for repairs to the school. Barbara Henry explained that she supports the idea of going to bonding for the repairs; however, will need a better explanation of what this means to Roxbury. She noted that the breakdown of estimated costs is much lower than those on Roxbury's list. It was noted that an amount was not included for the septic and that the removal of the storage buildings behind the school were not included on the list. Robert Lowe noted that they should express their disappointment that they are only getting to the point of considering bonding while they have been talking about these repairs for years.

**Public Works Pick-up Truck**

Motion by Russell Dieinzo to add discussion regarding the Public Works pick-up truck to the agenda. Seconded by Robert Lowe and carried.

Barbara Henry explained that instead of spending \$30,000 for a new pick-up truck for the Public Works Department they decided to purchase a used 2006 Silverado with 40,000 miles for \$11,400 with a 12 month warranty. She explained that the truck has a plow package and will be lettered with the Town of Roxbury.

The Selectmen expressed their concern with the late start in sanding the roads this morning. Barbara Henry explained that she has spoken to the department about this. She noted it was unacceptable and is not to happen again.

**Adjourn to BOE Meeting at SVMHS**

Motion by Robert Lowe to adjourn to the BOE Meeting at 7:03 pm. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried.

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.*