

**ROXBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING**

**June 2, 2008  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barbara Henry, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Present: Barbara Henry, First Selectman; Russell Dirienzo, Selectman; Members of the Public

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 5, 2008 and Special Meeting held May 9, 2008 and May 21, 2008 as presented. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**TAX REFUNDS**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the tax refund of Henry Hurvitz, Esq. – excess payment. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Barbara Henry noted that there was not any communications to report this month.

**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 Barbara Henry and carried.

**ZBA, Alt. – 5 year term – 01/01/2008 – 12/31/2012**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to table the appointment of ZBA, Alt. – 5 year term – 01/01/2008 – 12/31/2012. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**BUSINESS**

**Reward – vandalism, theft and spray painting signs and town property**

Barbara Henry discussed the recent vandalism and thefts in town and proposed the option of offering a reward. She noted that there might be people interested in making donations to a reward fund. Russell Dirienzo suggested that they should set up cameras as well.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to put \$500 in a reward fund with regard to the vandalism and theft of town property. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**Northeast Recycling Council – recycling assistance grant**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to table the discussion regarding the Northeast Recycling Council – recycling assistance grant. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**Judds Bridge Update**

Barbara Henry reported on her meeting with the DOT who will be administering the STEAP Grant to repair Judds Bridge. She reported that the DOT will not have a contract ready until the end of June. Additionally, the Federal Government is mandating that the gusset plates of all bridges meet a certain criteria. The State has not received these criteria; however, the Judds Bridge project will be held up until this issue is resolved. Barbara Henry suggested that Roxbury should hire their own structural engineer to inspect the gusset plates in order to move forward with the project. Russell Dirienzo noted that prior to hiring a structural engineer they should confirm that the federal and state governments will accept a structural engineer's opinion. Russell Dirienzo suggested that they should contact Rep. Chris Murphy regarding this issue. Barbara Henry noted that the DOT will be inspecting the bridge again in July and if it is once again downgraded the bridge will need to be closed. The DOT recommended that a temporary fix be done to avoid loss of use of the bridge. Barbara Henry will meet with the Engineer for this project this week in an effort to evaluate the cost of a temporary fix.

**CT Clean Energy Communities – Energy Task Force**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to table the discussion regarding the CT Clean Energy Communities – Energy Task Force. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**Smart Development Study Committee**

The Smart Development Study Committee is working on developing their charge and will report back to the Board as soon as this information is available.

**Squire Road Update**

Barbara Henry reported that Earth Artists Excavating has begun work on Squire Road and has installed one cross pipe already.

**Senior Center Board of Directors**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to table the discussion regarding the Senior Center Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**Volunteer Fire Fighter Bill**

Barbara Henry reported that professional firefighters are now allowed to become volunteer firefighters in their hometowns. Some of Roxbury's potential volunteers work for cities whose contracts have not been changed to reflect this. Barbara Henry explained that she would try to meet with the Mayor of Danbury, for one, to see if the contract can be changed.

**Roxbury Post Office**

Barbara Henry reported that she spoke with Mr. James Hickey of the U.S. Postal Service who explained that they are proposing a consolidation of carriers between Roxbury and Woodbury. Carriers would be moved to a new facility in a location that has not yet been decided in Woodbury. The Post Office, counter service and P.O. boxes

would remain in Roxbury. Barbara Henry explained to Mr. Hickey that Roxbury would want to comment as a Town prior to this change. She noted that the owner of the Roxbury Market had been willing to expand to accommodate the Post Office in the past; however, the project had been put on hold.

**Budget and Projects**

Barbara Henry reported on the plan to chip seal a few roads within the next couple of weeks. Additionally, they have ordered additional guard rails for Judds Bridge Road. Any left over funds will be transferred into the reserve for capital.

**Land Use Enforcement Officer**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to table the discussion regarding the Land Use Enforcement Officer. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**Fire Marshal's Report – May**

Barbara Henry reviewed the Fire Marshal's Report noting the 10 calls in May.

**Other Business**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to add to agenda discussions regarding the tennis court and the Municipal Service Awards. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried.

**Tennis Court**

Barbara Henry reported that one of the tennis courts is not holding up well. There is water coming up under it. The company who installed the courts has said they will come back to repair it.

**Municipal Service Awards**

Barbara Henry reported that she will be handing out Municipal Service Awards to those who have put in over 25 years of service in town. She hopes to schedule this for a weekend by the end of June.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to adjourn at 8:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry 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.*