

**ROXBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING**

**January 4, 2010
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, Selectman; Tammy McVey-Camilleri of Voices, Jack Corragio of the Litchfield County Times; and Paul Nonnenmacher of CRRA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barbara Henry noted that the under the topic of Building Department Fee Schedule it should be amended to say: a \$300 after the fact permit fee will be imposed upon anyone who does “not” obtain a permit.

Motion by Robert Lowe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 7, 2009 as amended. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried unanimously.

TAX REFUNDS

Motion by Barbara Henry to add the tax refund of Lisa or David Burgess in the amount of \$19.11 to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Motion by Robert Lowe to approve the tax refunds of:

Nissan Infiniti Lt - \$147.04

Shelly Holroyd - \$38.17

K.T. Preston Constr, DBA K. T. Preston - \$7.26

Honda Lease Trust - \$25.43

Lisa or David Burgess - \$19.11

The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Barbara Henry noted that a representative from CRRA is here to speak; however, this is later on the agenda. There were no other communications from the public.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS APPOINTMENTS

Inland-Wetlands Commission, Alt. – 09/01/2009 - 08/31/2012

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the appointment of Inland-Wetlands Commission, Alt. – 09/01/2009 - 08/31/2012. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Council on Aging – 01/01/2010 – 12/31/2012

Motion by Barbara Henry to appoint Bonnie Bradley to the Council on Aging – 01/01/2010 – 12/31/2012. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Municipal Agent for Elderly Persons – 12/01/2009 – 11/30/2013

Motion by Barbara Henry to reappoint Alice Griffin as the Municipal Agent for Elderly Persons – 12/01/2009 – 11/30/2013. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

CRRA – Tom Kirk/Paul Nonnemacher

Barbara Henry welcomed CRRA Representative, Paul Nonnemacher. She noted that the contract is up in 2012; therefore, she invited him to talk about the reasons Roxbury should stay with CRRA. She explained that CROG is moving forward with establishing a new authority; however, the Town of Roxbury has always liked CRRA. Barbara Henry confirmed the receipt of CRRA's letter dated 12/28/09 outlining CRRA's future plans.

Paul Nonnemacher explained that there have been some concerns because CRRA's planning process has not been publicly advertised; however, he assured the Board that they have been getting ready for 2012 with plans for a new transfer station and trash to energy recycling. Everything is publically owned on a cost basis. They are currently soliciting bids from new contractors and feel that there is money to be saved there. They also sell the electricity they generate back to the electric company. CRRA feels that they will be the best option due to the cost savings they will be putting into place. They will also offer five year contract terms.

Barbara Henry questioned status of the landfill. Mr. Nonnemacher explained that they are looking into alternatives such as recycling. They currently have a contract with Putnam for ash for the next 10 years.

Robert Lowe noted that it looks like it boils down to cost. He questioned whether competitors are putting out any prices yet. Mr. Nonnemacher explained that there are no prices, nor is there a facility yet.

Barbara Henry explained that CROG wanted Roxbury to sign on with the new authority; however, the draft ordinance says they will operate in accordance to their by-laws. She noted that the by-laws have not yet been written. Roxbury is a small town and she would like to be assured that it would be one vote for one town.

It was noted that there are 70 towns within the mid CT project and about 44 of those have contributed the \$500 to CROG to keep their options open. The number of towns that have joined with this new authority has not yet been determined.

Barbara Henry commented that Roxbury has launched their Gimme 5 program for #5 recyclables. Mr. Nonnemacher noted that they are excited to be offering #1 through #7 recycling, which they expect to be up and running April 1st.

Barbara Henry noted that CRRA promotes single stream recycling; however, Roxbury opted not to participate because of the cost the town would incur to reorganize their transfer station. Mr. Nonnemacher explained that CRRA will continue to offer single stream recycling, but does not force towns to participate.

Barbara Henry offered her appreciation to Mr. Nonnemacher for coming out to talk with the Board. Mr. Nonnemacher noted that the draft Municipal Service Agreement will be available within the next two months which will include terms, conditions and pricing if available.

Barbara Henry summarized that the biggest concerns with CROG is that they do not have a facility. Also, Roxbury is small in comparison to other towns involved and could never sign on without knowing the by-laws and the vote ratio.

Mr. Nonnemacher noted that CRRA appreciates Roxbury's confidence and will do everything to keep the town involved.

South Street Update

Barbara Henry reported that South Street has been paved from Apple Lane to River Road. Only one coat of pavement was laid per the paver's suggestion. The plan is it to do the

second coat and the driveways at a later date. She is hoping to get a STEAP Grant for this project.

Judds Bridge Update

Barbara Henry reported that Stimulus funds will be used for the second half of the bridge repair, which is scheduled for May.

Resident State Trooper

Barbara Henry welcomed Roxbury's new Resident State Trooper, Kevin Anderson.

Proposed Cell Tower Transylvania Road

Barbara Henry reported that the Inland Wetlands Commission is going out to look at the site. AT&T is expected to submit their application to the Siting Council next month. She noted that she has received mixed opinions from the town residents. She clarified that they are not opposed to a tower only to the proposed location. She noted that the Attorney General wrote a letter opposing the tower location due to health related reasons.

Smart Growth Development Committee & POCD

Barbara Henry explained that she feels Zoning should look into the Smart Growth Committee's suggestions regarding alternative housing. She noted that Roxbury has no place for those who are downsizing or people whose children would like to remain in town. Robert Lowe agreed that there is a need for mixed housing in Roxbury for older people downsizing or starter homes for younger people. Barbara Henry agreed to speak with Zoning regarding the issue.

Town Meeting vote – Ordinances & Building Fees

Barbara Henry reported that the town voted in favor of four year terms across the board at the Town Meeting. The town attorney will draft provisions accordingly. Additionally, the proposed buildings fees are now in effect.

Giving Tree in Town Hall

Barbara Henry expressed her amazement with the amount of giving within the last two years from the community. She explained that it is overwhelmingly impressive. It is a very generous and giving town and she would like to publically thank the people in the community.

FY2010-2011 Budget

Barbara Henry noted that the budgets will go out with instructions to hold the line. She explained that revenue is way down and they may need to move some things around.

Fire Marshal's Report - December

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

Other Business

Motion by Barbara Henry to add to the agenda discussion regarding the website, a resolution for 20% Clean Energy by 2010 and the IRS mileage rate. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Website

Barbara Henry reported that Catherine Vickstrom of Bridgewater will be cleaning up the website and posting the minutes. She is looking forward to Ms. Vickstrom's help.

Resolution in Support of 20% Clean Energy by 2010

Barbara Henry read aloud the Resolution in support of 20% Clean Energy by 2010 and noted that she added that this is to ratify the motion made at the December 7, 2009 BOS meeting.

Motion by Barbara Henry to accept the Resolution in Support of 20% Clean Energy by 2010. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

IRS Mileage

Barbara Henry noted that Roxbury is currently allowing 50 and one half cents in mileage. The current IRS rate is 50 cents.

Motion by Barbara Henry to change the mileage rate to 50 cents effective January 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

Motion by Barbara Henry to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Robert Lowe and carried unanimously.

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.