

**ROXBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 1, 2010  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Barbara Henry, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.  
Present: Barbara Henry, First Selectman; Russell Dirienzo, Selectman; Tammy McVey-Camilleri of Voices; Jack Corragio of the Litchfield County Times; Cub Scout Pack 465; and members of the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Barbara Henry noted that the Fire Marshal's Report should have been dated January on the minutes.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 1, 2010 as amended. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried unanimously.

**TAX REFUNDS**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to approve the tax refunds of:

Richard & Sheila Gross - \$97.67

Margaret Miner & Hugh Rawson - \$2,297.18

Drew DeWitt & Josh Francis - \$28.89

Drew DeWitt & Josh Francis - \$26.05

Michael Avramides & Anne Bascove - \$4,982.61

The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Barbara Henry looked for communications from the public.

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS APPOINTMENTS**

**Conservation Commission, Alt. – vacancy exp. 06/30/2010**

It was noted that someone has expressed interested in this position.

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

## **BUSINESS**

### **Cub Scout Pack 465**

Barbara Henry thanked the members of Cub Scout Pack 465 for coming to the Selectmen's meeting. She noted that she was glad they had an opportunity to meet prior to this meeting to discuss voting, taxes, and how the town runs.

Russell Dirienzo thanked the Cub Scouts and their parents for teaching the scouts how to be good citizens. Additionally, he thanked Scout Leader Mr. Roush for his service in the military where he flies planes. Mr. Dirienzo proclaimed March 2<sup>nd</sup> Cub Scout Pack 465 and Mr. Roush Day.

Cub Scout Pack 465 thanked the Selectmen for inviting them to the meeting and for the time they spent teaching them how government works.

### **Lindsey Jacobellis – Olympics**

Barbara Henry noted how proud Roxbury is of Lindsey Jacobellis for getting to the Olympics twice.

### **Proclamation 2010 Girl Scout Week**

Barbara Henry explained that the Girl Scouts have asked for the Selectmen to proclaim the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Week.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to proclaim the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Week. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried unanimously.

### **Transfer Station Permits – Late Fee**

Barbara Henry explained that many residents do not get their transfer station permits by the beginning of the year. It has been suggested that a late fee be charged for those purchasing a permit after January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to charge a \$10 late fee for transfer station stickers purchased after January 31<sup>st</sup>. The late fee will be effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry.

Discussion: Russell Dirienzo clarified that the late fee would apply only to the first sticker in the household. The late fee would not apply if it is decided later in the year that additional stickers would like to be purchased for other vehicles in the household.

The motion was carried unanimously.

### **Virtual Town Hall - Website**

Barbara Henry reported that she has hired Virtual Town Hall to update Roxbury's website. She noted that money was budgeted for this expense and expects it to be very nice when they are complete.

### **Lease Renewal Cell Tower – Lower County Road**

Barbara Henry reported that the lease for the cell tower on Lower County Road has been extended through February 2015.

### **Judds Bridge – Construction Bids**

Barbara Henry reported that an invitation to bid on construction for Judds Bridge has been advertized. Bids will be opened March 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

### **Town Meeting for LoCIP funding for South Street**

Barbara Henry explained that they are hoping to be able to use the unused STEAP Grant obtained for Judds Bridge for Minor Bridge and to ask the town to allow the \$100,000 from LoCIP funds originally budgeted for Minor Bridge to be used for South Street. It is an administrative move that she would like to take to Town Meeting once the Judds Bridge construction bids come in.

### **Freedom Lawn & 20% by 2010 Clean Energy Campaign – Sat, April 10, 1-3 p.m.**

Barbara Henry reported that the Conservation Commission and the Energy Task Force have planned an event Saturday, April 10th to educate the public on the Freedom Lawn and the 20% by 2010 Clean Energy campaigns.

### **Proposed Cell Tower Transylvania Road Update**

Barbara Henry reported that she went to Hartford today in support of SB206, which would allow land commissions more input in the placement of telecommunication towers. She explained that the concern raised with this Bill is that some land use commissions would not allow any towers in their communities. She noted that Roxbury is not opposed to cell towers and its land use commissions would review the cell towers like any other application that would come before them.

Barbara Henry spoke with the Executive Director of the Siting Council who explained that it is not true that the Siting Council does not consider land use issues brought before them. Russell Dirienzo explained that his concern is that the Siting Council considers the rights of having a tower over the rights of people having to live with it. He noted that it appears that the applicants do a minimal amount of work and engineering because it is easy to get the cell towers approved. They use the safety issues as a way to get them in.

Barbara Henry noted that many people in Roxbury do want the cell towers. Russell Dirienzo noted that people come to Roxbury for its rural character. Barbara Henry explained that the Zoning Regulations promote home based business because there is not a commercial district in Roxbury. Russell Dirienzo explained that a landline can be used for home based businesses. He questioned why they need to pepper the landscape with cell towers. Barbara Henry noted that Roxbury receives cell service and questioned why they do not upgrade the technology on the existing cell tower.

Barbara Henry noted that she had a nice discussion with the Executive Director of the Siting Council and he encouraged the town to become a party before the application on Transylvania Road is submitted. She thanked those residents from Transylvania Road who joined her in the trip to Hartford to support this bill.

### **CT 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Governor has set up a CT 374 Committee to honor Connecticut's government, founders and future as part of CT's 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

### **Legislative Priorities**

Barbara Henry reported that she is a member of the MORE Commission. The subcommittee she is working on is reviewing grants and mandates. There are 1200 unfunded mandates on the books. The committee is looking into mandates that will give relief to the towns, but will not cost the State money.

### **FY2010-2011 Budget**

Barbara Henry reported that the budget will be ready to review with the Selectmen the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fire Marshal's Report - February**

Motion by Barbara Henry to table the Fire Marshal's report for February. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo and carried unanimously.

### **Other Business – Items were voted on to the agenda:**

#### **Photo Exhibit- "The Art of Politics"**

Barbara Henry commented on the impressive photo exhibit of 55 state leaders on view at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. It is photographer Tim Coffey's exhibit. It includes CT's Congressional delegation and many of the state's leaders from both political parties. She noted that she is one of the photographs that will be displayed over the next two weeks.

### **Cub Scouts**

The Selectmen commented that it was great to meet Cub Scout Pack 465 and that they enjoyed talking with them about town government. They agreed to provide the 6 boys with a town medallion in appreciation for their visit. Barbara Henry will take care of it.

### **ARRA Funding Resolution – Judds Bridge**

Motion by Russell Dirienzo to accept the certified resolution for federal funding under the American Reinstatement and Reassessment Act and under the Federal Local Bridge Program Funding that the agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Roxbury for the construction, inspection and maintenance of the rehabilitation of Judds Bridge over the Shepaug River utilizing those funds is adopted by the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Barbara Henry and carried unanimously.

Motion by Barbara Henry to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Russell Dirienzo 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.*