<u>McGann, Masopust Make Strides Over</u> <u>Roxbury 3.7-miler</u>

ROXBURY – Elliott McGann and Alison Masopust demonstrated why they could finish in the top 10 of any race at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series while wearing hand-crafted Italian designer shoes.

McGann, 34, of New Milford garnered his second victory of 2018 at the weekly series on Saturday, April 28, with a clocking of 22-minutes, 09-seconds – a 6:09-per-mile pace – over a 3.7-mile loop.

Former two-time season champion Jeff Sheldon, 37, of Southbury was second 23:13.

Masopust, 34, of Morris posted her fifth triumph this year at Roxbury. The 2017 women's season champion was the first female finisher over the layout – which included a trip down the hill on Chalybes Road and up the incline on Ranney Hill Road – and third overall with a time of 25:02.

The series will continue on Saturday, May 5, at 8:30 a.m. with the 28th annual Larry Kershnar MidSpring Challenge over 4.3 miles.

It is named after the second race director in the series. Kershnar, who taught Science at New Milford High School and later Education at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, directed the series from 1980 through 1985. The longtime Roxbury resident took steps to expand the series from its initial eight-week format in the summer to the current 38-race schedule.

Runners can enter through the \$25 season membership or the \$2 weekly waiver. Youth runners can enter for free.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane. For further information, contact Scott Benjamin, the race director, at <u>ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com</u>, (860) 354-3521 or access www.roxburyraces.net.