

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 9, 2008
3:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Robert B. Davis
Edward F. Gorham
Peter K. Hanley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Janet Richards, Tax Collector/Treasurer
Ronald Cunningham, Randolph Fire Chief

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Bob Davis noted a change in Page 2 of the minutes from November 25, 2008. He asked that the words “Second Street and the Town Garage” be added to the first line. Ed Gorham motioned to accept the minutes of 11/25/08 as amended. Peter Hanley seconded the motion - **VOTE UNANIMOUS**

Memo from the office staff was presented asking for the office to be closed on the day after Christmas, Friday, December 26, 2008. There was discussion about the State of Maine and it was reported that the State will be open that day and operating on a “skeleton crew”. Ed Gorham made a motion to **close the office on Friday December 26, 2008**. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ed Gorham stated that Gloria Fitzherbert had been on the agenda but could not attend the meeting today. Gloria called Ed at home and asked him to bring up the subject of the continuing problem of **ice build up on South Maple Street** and her concerns that someone may be injured while walking on the street. This was discussed and Bob Davis said that he will bring this matter up to John Crocker and will have him look into what can be done.

Paperwork from **MSAD #11 regarding Fuel Bids**. This needs to be signed by and authorized “contact” person. Bob Davis stated that he would like to have Janet Richards be that contact person and therefore, she will be asked to sign the agreement.

An e-mail from Greg Lumbert was discussed. Greg e-mailed all town officials that John Crocker (public works director for the Town) is now working part time plowing for EC Barry. This memo mentioned that John was concerned about ongoing parking violations around town. John asked Lynn to make up a “warning” letter to place on violators’ vehicles. Greg said that he told John if there were issues to just call him and he will have the vehicles in questioned towed but that John said he doesn’t want to be held up. Greg stated that he will be out plowing anyway and this should not be a problem. Bob Davis stated that John should know which job comes first.

Greg Lumbert also provided a report of his work and activities to the Board.

Cutting of lilac bushes owned by Glenn & Bonnie Brown was discussed. Bob Davis went with John Crocker and looked at where the bushes were cut. John told Bob that he was not with his "crew" when these were cut and both agreed that they were probably trimmed back too far. Peter Hanley asked if they measured the right of way. Bob stated that the right of way was measured and it was agreed that they were probably trimmed back a little too much. Bob will e-mail Mr. & Mrs. Brown about the issue. It was felt that nothing can be done about it.

Request by Michael Carrie that certain budgetary reports be posted on the town website was discussed again. Michael came to the meeting on November 12 and suggested this. The Board asked him to provide "samples" of what he would like to see posted and he has not provided any thus far. No action will be taken on this matter until Mr. Carrie complies with the Board's request.

Bob reported that he has e-mailed Bill VanTuinen regarding the piece of property being questioned by the Goodhearts on Water Street. Bob has heard nothing from Mr. VanTuinen and will contact him again regarding this.

Letter from the State regarding using inmates to do volunteer work in the town was tabled until the matter can be discussed with John Crocker to see if this is something he would like to utilize.

Janet Richards, Treasurer, entered the meeting. Janet asked direction regarding the \$100 community benefit awarded to Marcy's Place at the annual Town Meeting. Marceline Walton the owner passed away before the benefit was awarded. The food pantry has been purchased and is being run by Janice Kincaid on Windsor Street under the name of Janice's Community Food Pantry. Ed Gorham made a motion to award the \$100 to Janice's. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Janet also asked the Board about Christmas Bonuses for the office Staff. This was brought up at the last meeting by Bob Davis and tabled until today's meeting. Janet reported that last year the bonus was taken out of the Fuel Rebate the town received. This was received by virtue of a lengthy survey she prepares each year and the rebate is \$400. Ed Gorham made a motion to use this money for the bonuses. This will be split amongst the office staff. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Janet asked the Board's permission to have the Town Office security lights replaced as they have been malfunctioning. She spoke with Mike Sirois and he estimated that the new lighting system would cost approximately \$250 and would have a warranty for the first year. They would be automatic and would not have to be set and re-set. Ed Gorham made a motion to have the new system installed. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ruth Botkin attended a meeting on recycling and the Board is waiting for her report.

Park & Ride lot was discussed. Bob had letter from Darryl Belz at DOT which seems to answer the questions about this. State plows the lot and Ed Gorham stated that the town cannot use this lot to make money for the town.

Sewer Project was brought up by Bob Davis. Amended plan for Pump Station (Option #4) has been submitted to DEP (Karen Hefler) by Earth Tech. Once that comes back the estimate for the total cost of the project can be figured and the USDA paperwork for a grant can be completed. Mr. Dennis Beaulieu from the USDA has offered to meet with the Town to complete this paperwork. A time line was discussed and Bob said that the climate is favorable right now for bids due to the recession and the drop in fuel prices. In the spring the engineers will take leakage tests and be better able to figure out where the major problems exist.

At 3:55 p.m. Ed Gorham left the meeting.

Letter from Johnson Hall asking for donations was presented by Bob Davis. It was agreed that the Town cannot donate anything at this time

At 4:05 p.m. Ronald Cunningham entered the meeting. He received a bill from CMD Powersystems, Inc. for \$34,230.85. As agreed, this will be paid out of the Randolph Revolving Loan Fund but will be reimbursed by the State through the grant money of \$56,000 received. Ron stated that this is the procedure the State of Maine uses with grant money and it should be paid back with a couple of week. The generator has been installed at the school but needs to be tested. Bob will give the bill to Janet Richards so that she can issue a check to CMD.

Ron discussed what will be done with the leftover money from the grant as he had planned on the generator being \$40-\$48,000. He told the State that he would like a portable generator and some switch gear. The purchase of cots and blankets will also be part of this.

Peter Hanley said that he had been contacted by one of the firefighters regarding a personnel issue. This "incident" apparently happened on an oil spill call recently. Ron said that he feels he can handle this issue. Peter Hanley told this individual that he would talk to Ron but that it should be handled within the department by Ron.

Bob Davis gave paperwork on the Sewer Project and stated that Janet should fill it out and that Chuck Applebee could be helpful if she were to get in touch with him.

Robert B. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion.
VOTE – UNANIMOUS. Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk