

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 3, 2010
10:00 a.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Edward F. Gorham
Alfred A. Seymour, Jr
Peter K. Hanley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Ronald Cunningham, Fire Chief
Gregory J. Lumbert, Police Chief
Glendon "Sonny" James
John H. Crocker, Public Works
Douglas & Delsa Mock
Darryl Fitzherbert, Marjorie Gilman
Jason Farris, Pittston Fire Chief
Arthur Forand

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

Re-elected selectboard member, Peter K. Hanley, was sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

Discussion of election of Chairman of the Board. Peter K. Hanley asked that this vote be tabled until the end of the meeting. This was first on the agenda.

Peter Hanley asked **John Crocker** if there were any issues he would like to discuss with the Board. John said he would wait until the next meeting.

The Board recognized **Jason Farris**, Fire Chief from Pittston. Mr. Farris was at the meeting at the request of the board. At the last meeting of the Board he presented them with a proposal for taking over the fire protection etc., for the Town of Randolph. This would also include being the **EMA** Director. Peter stated that the only question he had was whether or not the Town of Randolph would have an "out" from this contract. Jason said it would be like any other contract. Jason said that there was a possibility that this could be done on a one year contract. Peter told Jason that this would be something that would have to be put before town meeting for the people to decide. Jason said he would make up a proposal with figures in time for the July town meeting. Jason left the meeting at 10:15.

David Cobb was on the agenda but did not show up at the meeting. The Board recognized Ron Cunningham. Ron asked the board to explain why they told David Cobb at the last meeting to come back today with his resume. He asked if his job was up for hire. Peter Hanley said that they did not tell David Cobb to come back with his resume and job application. Ron said that he was at the last meeting and that is what the Board told Mr. Cobb. Ed Gorham stated that as far as he knew, Ron's job was **not** up for hire. Mr. Hanley stopped discussion on this matter.

Marjorie Gilman was on the agenda. She updated the Board on the recent information on **re-mapping for the flood zone** by the Government. She has been in contact with our Representative Steve Hanley about this. Peter stated that this was something that was at the legislative level and nothing that the Town could do anything about. Marge said she knew this but that she felt the Board had an obligation to keep the townspeople informed about these possible upcoming changes. Delsa Mock asked to be recognized. She suggested that information on this be put on the website and that a letter of information possibly be sent out to the citizens of Randolph from the Town.

Marge also presented the Board with pictures of **trash** piled up on her street. Peter Hanley stated that this was being handled by the Town Attorney and he had in fact stated that letters would be sent telling them to clean up or the town would clean up the blight areas and charge the homeowners for the clean-up. Mrs. Mock asked if the Board had considered volunteer groups to help clean up these areas.

Police Chief **Greg Lumbert** stated that he felt these homeowners had been given the proper amount of time to clean these areas up and that legal avenues were the only way to pursue these problems. Marge asked about the Code Enforcement Officer being at the meetings to discuss the different code issues. Peter Hanley stated that Mr. St. Pierre at been at meetings in the past. He said that Mr. St. Pierre would make himself available if needed.

Mrs. Mock stated that people in town felt the **Board meetings** should be held in the evenings when more of the public could attend. Peter Hanley said that the meetings have been held in the mornings for years and that if someone had an issue they needed to bring up and needed the meeting to be scheduled for a different time, they had a right to request to have the meeting time changed. Mr. Hanley stated that these meetings were not considered a public meeting other than the fact that they are **“open”** to the public.

Next on the agenda was **photocopying fees** for the office. This was brought up at the previous meeting but tabled for discussion at this meeting. Mrs. Mock said she feels that the fees charged for photocopies at the office were **“gouging”** the taxpayers. Discussion resulted in a change to the fees.

Al Seymour made a motion to change the policy to state \$.25 per page for residents. All other fees will remain the same pertaining to non-residents. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Annual appointments: Peter Hanley asked that the appointments be tabled. When asked by the other Board members why he wanted to table the appointments, he stated that he did not know what our jobs were and wanted job descriptions. Peter Hanley stated that he was opposed to all the appointments except for the Police Chief and the Animal Control Officer as they were **“dangerous”** jobs.

Mr. Hanley was reminded that these were **yearly** appointments and without them the office staff could not continue to work.

Annual appointments went forth as follows:

Ed Gorham made a motion to appoint **Lynn R. Mealey** as Town Clerk/Officer Supervisor for one year. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – Gorham and Seymour for/Hanley against. VOTE PASSED.**

Ed Gorham made a motion to appoint **Janet M. Richards** as Treasurer/Tax Collector for one year. Al Seymour seconded the motion. VOTE – Gorham and Seymour for/Hanley against. VOTE PASSED.

Ed Gorham made a motion to appoint **Raeleen M. York** as Registrar of Voters/Office Assistant/Cemetery Records Keeper and Assistant to the General Assistance Administrator. Al Seymour seconded the motion. VOTE – Gorham and Seymour for/Hanley against – VOTE PASSED.

Ed Gorham made a motion to appoint **Glendon James** as Pump Station Superintendent. Al Seymour seconded the motion. VOTE – Gorham and Seymour for/Hanley against. VOTE PASSED.

The following appointments were motioned by Ed Gorham, seconded by Al Seymour and voted unanimously:

John Crocker was appointed as **Public Works Superintendent & Maple Grove Cemetery Superintendent**.

Loring Smith was appointed as **Plumbing Inspector**.

Robert St. Pierre was appointed as **Code Enforcement Officer**

Daniel Albert was appointed as Chairman of the **Narrow Gauge Nature Trail**.

David Hart, Kenneth Maguire and Christopher Coughlan were appointed as a members of the **Narrow Gauge Nature Trail**.

Robert B. Davis was appointed as a member of the Wastewater Advisory Committee as a representative of Randolph.

Gregory J. Lumbert was appointed as Police Chief/Constable/Harbormaster.

Howard Morang was appointed as Animal Control Officer.

Appointment for **EMA Director** was discussed. Ed made a motion to appoint Christopher McLaughlin as EMA Director. Peter Hanley opposed the motion. This appointment was tabled. It was discussed that the town would be without an EMA director and that there could be legal issues. Peter Hanley stated that if Pittston Fire were to take over the Fire Protection for the Town of Randolph, Jason Farris would act in the capacity of EMA Director. Ron Cunningham was asked if it was legal to be without a EMA Director. He suggested the town call Kennebec EMA for guidance. John Crocker stated that he believed it was not “required”.

The reappointment of **R. Gloria Mansir Fitzherbert** as General Assistance Administrator was discussed. Peter was opposed to Gloria’s appointment and said that there was money put aside for her to continue doing the job until July. This was tabled. Peter Hanley stated that Gloria will be will be doing GA until the July town meeting.

Peter Hanley recommended to the Board that fees that were assessed in the past to the **smelt shacks** on the Kennebec River in Randolph be reinstated. Ed Gorham made a motion to charge \$15 per smelt shack. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was opened up to public comment.

Delsa Mock made statements regarding meeting times and the lack of consideration to changing the times so that more members of the public could be present for the meetings.

Glendon “Sonny” James stated his concerns with the town having no EMA Director and the failure of the board to reappoint a General Assistance Administrator.

Art Forand asked Mr. Hanley about the fire department and the proposed take-over by Pittston Fire Department. Forand stated that he did not think Mr. Hanley let the Fire Chief speak on this matter as it concerned him and his department. He also addressed the subject of job descriptions. He stated that there used to be such descriptions on file and that the BOS should go to MMA and not reinvent the wheel.

Mrs. Mock agreed with Mr. Forand that Mr. Hanley had not let Mr. Cunningham speak. She also encouraged the use of Roberts Rules of Order for the Selectboard meetings. She also stated her agreement that job descriptions and reviews for employees should be done for accountability.

Sonny James stated that he had worked for the town for 45 years and had never had a job description and had never been reviewed.

Marge Gilman also asked why Mr. Cunningham was not allowed to speak and not consulted on the takeover.

End of public comment.

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 16, 2010 meeting. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Hanley made a motion to elect Edward F. Gorham as Chairman of the Board for the 2010/2011 year. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Al Seymour made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 16, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk