

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, December 21, 2010
10:00 a.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Edward F. Gorham, Chair
Peter K. Hanley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Janet Richards, Treasurer
John Crocker, Public Works
Jim Bruni - FEMA

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Peter Hanley made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion – **VOTE UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Hanley made a motion to accept the resignation of Sarah Fritzhand from the Randolph Planning Board. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Peter K. Hanley made a motion to re-appoint **David Gilman** and **Mark Roberts** to the Planning Board.

Board members present signed the accounts payable and payroll warrants. Ed Gorham made a motion to sign the **Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates** in conjunction with the December 15, 2010 Randolph Wastewater System billing. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

John Crocker was on the agenda but did not have anything to report to the Board.

Jim Bruni from **FEMA** arrived at the meeting. Mr. Bruni asked for the Public Works Director to be present. He is helping Kennebec County update their **Hazard Mitigation Plan**. According to Congress, every community in the country has to have a plan in order to be eligible for various mitigation grants. The County takes the lead and has a county plan but each community must have an addendum to the plan and must meet with FEMA to discuss some potential mitigation issues. 99% of them are going to be road issues but since Randolph is on the Kennebec River, there could be some flooding problems also.

The State of Maine has **\$700,000** in the **mitigation fund** but if a municipality does not apply, they will receive no funds to help with mitigation. If the Town does decide to apply for a grant, the County and State will walk the town through the process. The Emergency Management Director is Richard Beausoliel and Joanne Mooney is the contact person at MEMA and her telephone number is 624-4466. She will hold workshops in several venues in the county and points will be awarded for attending the workshops. Projects will be awarded on a “points” basis which are earned by attending the workshops. Notifications will be sent to the Towns about scheduling the workshops.

Deadline for grant cycle is April 30, 2011 and the funds are generated whenever there is a declared disaster. 15% of the total cost of the disaster goes into the hazard mitigation fund. If you apply and are not accepted the first time around, you can apply the next time. Ed asked what this typically covers. Mr. Bruni stated that it covers chronic issues that happen time and time again due to lack of ditching, undersized culverts, etc. It is not for maintenance or capital improvements.

There was discussion about Mill Road and the fact that it always floods when there is any high water. It was felt that this would have to be elevated quite a bit to solve the problem and may or may not be something that could be covered by this. Mill Road will be noted as a problem area.

Pre disaster mitigation (PDM) has a cap of 3 million dollars. Fire Station and Public Works Garage being located in the flood zone will be noted also.

If FEMA funds purchase and demolition of properties the land must remain undeveloped forever. Mr. Bruni asked the Board to prioritize these issues. It was agreed that moving the Fire Station was first on the list, along with the town garage and the 5 properties on lower Water Street and finally the issues with Mill Road.

Mr. Bruni gave his phone number as: **(207)773-4851** in case any questions arise in the next few days. He will be e-mailing the Town his spreadsheet and then it will go into the county plan. Mr. Bruni left the meeting.

Ed reported that he had not contacted the Humane Society about the complaint on the **Animal Control Officer** but he would do that before the next meeting.

Janet presented the **Volunteer Firefighter Insurance** Coverage for the upcoming year. Peter Hanley asked if the price was the same (\$44.61 per volunteer). Peter Hanley made a motion to continue the insurance for the next year. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE - UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Hanley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 4, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Transcribed from audio tape