

**TOWN OF RANDOLPH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**August 11 , 2009**  
**10:00 a.m.**

***BOS PRESENT:***

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

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk**  
**R. Gloria Mansir Fitzherbert, GA Administrator**  
**Marjorie & David Gilman**  
**Tom Reeves, Kennebec River Initiative**  
**Ron & Charlene Goodheart**  
**Janet Richards, Tax Collector/Treasurer**

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2009 meeting. Al Seymour seconded the motion – **VOTE UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Hanley reported that prior to the start of the meeting he received a telephone call from a Mr. Justin Douglas. Mr. Douglas reported that he is the real estate broker for the property on **Maple Street** where rotting **trash has been piling up.** This had been reported to the Town by the neighbors. He said that he was contacted by Riverside Disposal who had been called by one of the neighbors. He told Peter Hanley that he would have the trash hauled away by tomorrow, August 12, 2009 at the latest but would try to have it hauled away today. Marge Gilman stated that this have been a problem for over 4 years now.

Marjorie & David Gilman, along with Gloria Fitzherbert were at the meeting to discuss this ongoing problem. Also, Gloria and the Gilmans also talked to the Board about the planned **paving of Maple Street.** They encountered the paving company doing some measuring and are concerned that there are drainage problems on their street caused by re-paving without reclaiming. They telephoned Al Seymour and Ed Gorham and they both went down to look at the problems. It was agreed that when this street is paved, it should be reclaimed so that the drainage problems would be rectified.

Peter Hanley made a motion that Maple Street be on the top of the list for next year and should be completely re-done, including reclaiming the street. Al Seymour seconded the motion.  
**VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Gloria also asked the Board about the natural waterway behind Maple Street and why the Town was not taking care of it as it is an issue with standing water. She said that she has talked with John Crocker about this and he said it was not up to the town to clean it up. Al Seymour asked why it was NOT up to the town to take care of it. It was discussed that possibly when RH Foster

begins construction on that corner lot, the problem may be solved but that is not going to happen for another year.

The Board discussed retaining a different attorney for the purpose of handling matters that go beyond the Code Enforcement Officer's jurisdiction. Al Seymour suggested looking for another attorney as there are some problems with getting results from the town's current attorney. Peter Hanley said he will call John Larouche and discuss some of these ongoing matters with him.

**Bill from AE Hodsdon** was discussed. It remains unpaid and there is now interest accruing. Peter Hanley stated that he talked with John Larouche about this but had not heard back from him. Ed Gorham suggested that this be tabled until the next regular meeting. Al Seymour made a motion to table this. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

At 10:40 a.m. – Ronald & Charlene **Goodheart** were recognized by the Board. They were at the meeting to inquire about a small piece of property that borders their property. Their property is Map 1, Lot 2 and this small piece approximately 50 x 110 is Map 1, Lot 3. They want to purchase this landlocked piece of property. They have talked with Code Enforcement Officer Bob St. Pierre. There was some question as to who actually owned the property. The Goodhearts have had a survey done by Coffin Engineering but it is still not clear who is the record owner of the strip of land. Peter Hanley said that he will talk to Robert Davis who was on the Board when this issue first arose and he will also talk with the town attorney to see what steps will need to be taken for the Goodhearts to come into possession of this land. Al Seymour made a motion for Peter to talk with the attorney about resolving this matter. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Peter stated that the Board will get back to the Goodhearts as soon as they have an answer.

Tom Reeves from the Friends of the Kennebec River Rail Trail was at the meeting for the purpose updating the town on the progress made by their group. He provided the members of the Board with a map of the surrounding communities and all the trails which they now are selling for \$7.95. He discussed how some of the communities have formed a planning group to possibly extend the Rail Trail to Brunswick which will add approximately 33 miles. Mr. Reeves left the meeting at 11:00 left the meeting.

Request to adjust the wastewater bill for 46 Ridge Road (Perry property). This account was billed in March on an erroneous reading due to a broken water pipe. Documentation was presented from Gardiner Water District. The account is to be adjusted by \$136.12. Ed Gorham made a motion to allow the adjustment. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Janet Richards entered the meeting for the purpose of discussing two new policies. She recently attended a class taught by the IRS. The town must have **a policy in place for the reimbursement on cells phones** and use of Town vehicles.

Cell phone plans will be put into the individual employees' names and reimbursement will be going through payroll and taxes deducted. This will effect the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Public Works Director.

Town owned vehicles also must not be taken to an employee's home as this would be a taxable use.

Al Seymour made a motion to put these policies in place. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS. Written policies will be presented to the employees, signed and put in their personnel files.**

The Animal Control Officer will be paid his warrant fees through payroll from this point forward.

Al Seymour made a motion to pay the ACO warrant fees in this manner. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

There was discussion of the date of the next **regular** BOS meeting. It was agreed that it will be **Tuesday, August 25, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Board discussed the **mil rate** for upcoming tax year. Several scenarios were discussed. Ed Gorham made a motion to set the mil rate at **14.30**. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Budget cuts were discussed. Al Seymour made a motion to cut selected accounts to make the Contracted Services Account agree with the Annual Town Meeting vote. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

At 11:30 a.m. Peter Hanley left the meeting.

Ed Gorham made a motion to pay the outstanding bill from **AE Hodsdon** from the Wastewater Account. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The Board will have a **special meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 @ 9:00** to commit the taxes only.

Ed Gorham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk