

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 3, 2008
3:00 P.M.

BOS PRESENT:

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

Others Present:

Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk
John Crocker, Public Works Director
Janet M. Richards, Treasurer

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

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

John Crocker was at the meeting at the request of the Board to discuss accepting the roads in Birmingham Crossing Subdivision. Bob Davis stated that Bob St. Pierre and Peter Coughlan (Planning Board Chairman) had both been consulted and it was felt that even though certain conditions were not met, this road with the two cul-de-sacs were be okay and should be put on the warrant for town meeting in July to be accepted as a town way. The board had asked for John Crocker's input before making the decision to place it on the warrant. John said that he was comfortable with accepting the roads as town ways with the condition that the town not be responsible for the mowing of the grass around the cul-de-sacs. John also made statements regarding the test borings and said that everything would probably be okay since this was not a heavily traveled way and the road shows no deterioration thus far.

Ed Gorham made a motion that the Board put this on the warrant for acceptance with the condition that the mowing be maintained by the residents of the subdivision. Peter Hanley expressed concerns. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – 2** in favor with Peter Hanley abstaining from the vote.

Bob Davis reported on a meeting he had attended with regard to Gardiner Main Street and the free concerts being sponsored this summer on a music barge. This will be in Gardiner from July 5th through the 11th on the Kennebec River and involves a 45-piece orchestra. Orchestra members average 27 years of age and are hosted by local families while in the area.

Unrecorded easements and deeds were discussed. Bob Davis talked about the fact that he feels these should be recorded in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds but this will be costly as there are quite a few of them and they will probably average \$20 per recording and will total somewhere around \$4,000 or more. Ed asked about the Town's legal responsibility if they are not recorded. Ed also asked if anyone had talked with the Kennebec County Registrar of Deeds

regarding any kind of “deal” for the recording costs. He asked for the Board’s permission to talk to the Registrar about this. Both Peter and Bob agreed to have Ed talk to her and report back at the next meeting.

Snowplow bid was discussed briefly. Bob said that Peter Coughlan is working on this. John Crocker suggested that when this is put out to bid, it be part of the requirement that the person bidding have at least 7-10 years of experience with municipalities.

John Crocker discussed his finances. Since his funds are from the Highway Appropriations budget and it does not have to go through town meeting, he asked the board to give him permission to give Steve Thurston a \$1.00 per hour raise. Peter Hanley made a motion to give Steve Thurston a raise of \$1.00 per hour. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

At 4:00 P.M. Janet Richards came into the meeting to discuss Treasurer issues, Lynn Mealey left the meeting, Janet to continue with the minutes.

Janet Richards explained that there is only one real estate account that hasn’t paid the 2005-2006 Real Estate taxes. Janet asked permission to send a letter to Victoria Chapman of 89 Belmont Avenue, explaining that she had until June 13, 2008 to pay the account in full or the Town will be forced to start foreclosing procedures. Peter Hanley motioned to send the letter, Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE- UNANIMOUS.**

Ed Gorham motioned to use all the figures in the budget as they are for the budget committee meeting tonight at 6:00 PM. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 PM. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 17, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Clerk

Janet M. Richards, Treasurer