

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 7 , 2009

10:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

BOS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Janet M. Richards, Treasurer
John Crocker, Public Works Director/Cemetery Sexton
R. Gloria Mansir Fitzherbert, G.A. Administrator

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

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 22, 2009 meeting. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

EMA Director position was discussed. Ed Gorham stated that he had talked with Ron Cunningham on two separate occasions and that while at first Ron maintained that he wanted to be done with the position as of June 30, 2009 but in a second conversation, he had agreed that he would stay on until the Town found someone to take his place and would help with the transition. Peter Hanley stated that he had received a resume from Christopher McLaughlin and felt that he would be suited for the position.

Peter Hanley made a motion to accept Ron Cunningham's resignation as of June 30, 2009. Alfred Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – Two for/one against.** Motion carried.

Al Seymour made a motion to hire Christopher McLaughlin as the new EMA Director at the pay of **\$1,000.00**. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Janet Richards, Treasurer and Payroll Clerk stated that Mr. McLaughlin would have to come into the office and go through the standard procedures of filling out an application and the proper paperwork to be added to the payroll. Peter Hanley said he will advise Mr. McLaughlin of this requirement.

John Crocker was at the meeting to discuss the **Department of Labor** audit. He said that he had talked with Michael LaPlante from the DOL regarding the fact that the elevator must be removed to comply. He said Mr. LaPlante stated that he would be sending a letter or fax regarding this. John said that Sonny James had interfered and had power to the elevator restored. Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk asked to be recognized by the Board. Lynn stated that she had received a telephone call from Mr. LaPlante this morning (7/7/09). Mr. LaPlante was calling as a courtesy to keep the

Town Office “in the loop” about phone calls he had received from John Crocker. He said that Mr. Crocker had called the DOL and stated that the elevator had been disabled but the Mr. James had the power restored. In the conversation he stated to Lynn that he would **not** be issuing any kind of letter saying that the elevator had to be removed. This was not part of the original audit done by the DOL in February.

Peter Hanley stated that he believed that the Board had voted to have the elevator removed. It was discussed that the original Citations from the DOL did not address the elevator but there had to be an emergency plan in place for use of the elevator in the pump station. Ed made a motion to table this issue until we have the letter from DOL. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Pump Station project was discussed. Janet Richards asked the Board to make a decision for the upcoming loan. A decision must be made on passing along the costs of the project to either the ratepayers or taxpayers. Janet said that how we proceed with this decision may affect future grants. It was suggested that this be a flat fee added into the operations & maintenance fees. This will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$8.00 per quarter per bill. The general consensus was that this would be the best way to accomplish repayment of the loan. Al Seymour made a motion to pass the cost on to the ratepayers. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** There is a meeting of the Wastewater Committee on Wednesday, July 9, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. More will be discussed at this meeting.

Ed Gorham made a motion to put this fee on the operations & maintenance fee (currently \$20 per quarter). Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Janet Richards, Treasurer, was in the meeting to discuss further changes and decisions to the town meeting warrant. State Revenue Sharing was discussed.. Ed Gorham made a motion to take \$300,000 from the General Fund to offset taxes. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Al Seymour made a motion to increase the LD 1 limit by \$27,785.20. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Continuing code violations in the Second/Third/Jones Streets were discussed. Bob St. Pierre was contacted by telephone and spoke via speaker phone with the Board. He explained the steps he has taken to get the homeowners to clean up and abate their violations. He feels at this point that these need to be taken to the Town’s attorney and taken to court. Peter Hanley said that he will go and confer with John LaRouche, the town’s attorney regarding taking these violators to court.

The **Ambulance Contract with the City of Gardiner** was signed by all three board members in duplicate. One will be returned to the City of Gardiner and one will be kept here for our files.

Janet Richards explained to the Board that a written response is required by MMA regarding Smith & Associates' recommendations that are not being followed by the Town.

Ed Gorham asked if Smith & Associates could be contacted to supply a response but Janet suggested that we find out how much it would cost for Smith & Associates to provide the response. Janet will look into this.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m. for the express purpose of signing the Town Meeting Warrant only.

Al Seymour made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk