

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 2, 2008
3:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Robert B. Davis
Edward F. Gorham

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
John Crocker, Public Works
Janet Richards, Treasurer
Gregory Lumbert
Ronald Cunningham
Patricia Ranks
Peter Coughlan

Bruce Flaherty, Spirit of America
Terry McCabe, President of SPOA
Foundation

Beverly Davis
Ruth Botkin
Mark Roberts
Jill Todd

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Selectboard member Peter Hanley was not present at the meeting.

SPIRIT OF AMERICA Awards ceremony was started at 3:00 Peter Coughlan spoke about each of the 5 recipients. Receiving these awards were: R. Gloria Mansir Fitzherbert, Ruth L. Botkin, Beverly Davis, June “Jill” Todd and Mark Roberts. Gloria was not present at the meeting. All other recipients were introduced by Peter who gave a brief summary of their volunteer work. Each one was presented a certificate by Bob Davis, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen with thanks from the Town for their contributions. Ceremony was concluded at 3:30.

Ruth Botkin was on the agenda with a request for permission to hold a **Recycling Committee** meeting at Town Office on Wednesday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m. She will host this meeting which will include representatives from other towns. The Selectboard members gave permission for this meeting to be held in the conference room on September 24th.

John Crocker, Public Works Director was at the meeting to inform the Board and that he wishes to purchase a **Rotary Drill** and bits for repair work in the cemetery on damaged bases and stones. John stated that he wanted to make sure the Board was aware of the purchase. Drill is approximately \$400 and bits are around \$70 each. Bob and Ed gave permission for John to make the purchase.

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the **minutes of the August 19, 2008** meeting. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Bob Davis made a motion to appoint **Peter Coughlan** to the **Planning Board** for a 3-year term. Peter’s term expires this month. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Coughlan addressed the Board with regard to his displeasure and frustration with **Town Attorney, John Larouche**. Peter has been trying to get in touch with him regarding a problem the Planning Board is having with **Mr. Leo Barnett** and his proposed subdivision (trailer park). Mr. Barnett is refusing to comply with some of the conditions that the Planning Board placed on

him. Peter feels that the town should not put up with Attorney Larouche's lack of response. No action was taken by the Board.

Peter also mentioned that there is now a **vacancy on the Planning Board** due to the resignation of Natalie Kavin and asked the Board to let him know if they have any suggestions for a replacement.

Bob Davis reported that he had been looking into the issue on Water Street regarding a piece of property between the **Goodhearts** and the Turgeon. This matter was discussed at a previous meeting. This is a non-conforming lot that is listed on the town maps and in a list of town properties. It may have been taken by the Town for unpaid taxes but it has been "missing" for about 20 years. Bill Van Tuinen the town's assessor said that the lot was "absorbed".

Bob responded to the **Goodhearts** who are interested in the property. He said he explained that if the town does own it and wants to sell it, it will have to be done by the bid process. It was the general consensus of the Board, the tax collector and the Code Enforcement Officer that this property be surveyed by the **property owners**. John Crocker said that he thought he might be able to contact or get the telephone number of one of the heirs of the property. Bob asked if he could have the Goodhearts call John if they wished to do so and John said that would be fine.

Secondly, Bob talked with a **Jeremy McArthur** who lives on the Barber Road. He had written to the Town regarding doing his **Eagle Scout project** on the property across from the end of the Gardiner Randolph Bridge. His intention was to plant some flowers and possibly put in a bench or picnic table. Bob spoke with Mr. McArthur regarding the concern of who was going to maintain the flowers etc., after the project was completed and he said he would look into that and get back to Bob Davis.

Patty Ranks entered the meeting to have the Board members sign documents to record **cemetery receipts and deeds** for the sale of lots. Bob and Ed signed the deeds for the Town and John Crocker signed as Cemetery Superintendent. They will now be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Both Bob and Ed signed a **request for an abatement** on the **Lionel Quirion** property as the homestead exemption was missed by the tax assessors before the tax bills were computed.

Lynn informed the Board that she has set up a public hearing to be held at the beginning of the next Board meeting on the **renewal of a Liquor License for Sun Sun Restaurant**.

Bob discussed a letter from **Earth Tech** regarding the fact that they were ready to go on the Pump Station project but were looking to see if **AE Hodsdon** had done any electronic CAD drawings in the past as this would help speed their process along. Janet stated that she had never seen anything like it in the office. Aubrey Strause told Bob that she is going to call John Larouche to inquire about this.

Bob Davis gave John Crocker some paperwork from MMA regarding public works. John will read it over and get back to the Board.

Greg Lumbert entered the meeting to inquire about his contract for **plowing and sanding the Town Office Parking Lot (including the walkways at Town Office) and the Fire Department/Town Garage**. Bob asked Greg for a proposal. Greg presented his proposed contract. He stated that it was basically the same price as last year except that he had raised the cost **per plow** by \$5.00 to cover the increased costs of sand, salt and fuel.

Ed Gorham made a motion to sign the one-year contract with Greg Lumbert. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE- UNANIMOUS.**

Greg gave a general report on some things that had been going on in town lately. There had been some disturbances on Libby Lane that seemed to have calmed down and the most recent sex offender is still living in Randolph and at one point was working at Gerard's Pizza. Also, he had a few reports of break-ins. Greg also showed the Board a "Thank You" note that he had received from a property owner for help that he had given her in evicting a tenant and informing her of the legal processes.

Fire Chief **Ronald Cunningham** entered the meeting to discuss purchasing a used ambulance for the **Randolph Fire Department** to be used as a "utility" vehicle. He took it to CW Repair for an inspection and reported that with the exception of a blinker bulb, it was road worthy. This vehicle is being sold by the Town of Dresden for \$2,000.00. Bob Davis asked Ron if his budget would cover the purchase of this truck and Ron said that there was enough money. This will be used to carry equipment such as traffic signs and cones. Both selectboard members went outside with Ron Cunningham to inspect the vehicle.

Ed Gorham made a motion to give Ron Cunningham permission to purchase the utility vehicle for the Fire Department for \$2,000.00. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ron also updated the Board on the grant for the generator at the TC Hamlin School. He reported that it should be all in by the middle of September and in fact there should be some money left over.

Bob Davis asked Ron the breakdown of his salary as Bob is completing the MMA Salary Survey. Ron is paid \$3600 per year for being Fire Chief and \$2400 per year to serve as the EMA Director.

Treasurer Janet Richards asked permission to make a change on the payroll and accounts payable checks for the week of September 15th. Checks are normally dated for Thursdays but since the office will be closed that week on Thursday and Friday she would like to date the checks for Wednesday, September 17th to enable employees to receive their checks on that Wednesday and for bills to be paid. Ed Gorham made a motion to allow Janet to change this date for that pay week only. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ed Gorham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE- UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. which will include a public hearing on the liquor license renewal for Sun Sun Restaurant at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk