

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 25, 2010
10:00 a.m.

BOS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk
John Crocker, Public Works Director
Jill Todd, Gardiner Library Representative
Janet Richards, Treasurer

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Al Seymour made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 11, 2010 meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Jill Todd was recognized by the Board. She was at the meeting for the purpose of answering any questions on the upcoming library budget for the towns that contribute to the **Library** and that the amount would be the same as last year. The City of Gardiner owns the library but they will be in financial trouble if the towns do not hold together to support the Library. Ed explained that the Board has just begun the budgeting process so were not really ready with any questions at this point. Jill said that Anne Davis was not available today but would be available at a later date.

Ed said that they will get back to her when and if they need to ask any questions. Jill left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Tax Collector Janet Richards entered the meeting to explain the abatement request on the Warren Thompson property. His property was originally assessed at \$36,300 but he asked for an abatement after comparison to other properties in surrounding areas. He had requested it be lowered to \$20,000. Mr. VanTuinen agreed to lower it to \$28,400 and this requires approval by the Board. Janet also recommended that this be lowered. This is an abatement of \$7,900.00. This was requested in August and the assessor just got to it.

Peter Hanley made a motion to accept Bill VanTuinen's recommendation. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE UNANIMOUS.** Janet had them sign the abatement forms.

Ed asked **John Crocker** to present his budget. John said his budget would remain basically the same except that he had taken \$1,000 from sewers and \$1,000 from roads and put it in the Cemetery account due to the last 3 or 4 years having to take money from the contingency fund to do maintenance in the Cemetery. John said that the total bottom line is basically the same.

Peter Hanley said that the town had "promised" to do something with **Maple Street** on the high side of the hot top. John said that Gloria Fitzherbert had mentioned that she felt it should be reclaimed. John said that it would be cost prohibitive due to the expense of the equipment. John said that Pike Industries is the only one who goes in and reclaims and they will not come in

unless they have a day's work. Al asked for John's recommendation and he said that he suggested the town just go in and pave it. Ed stated that this has been paved over and over again and that this raises the level. John said he would suggest that maybe the town should get a paving company to come in and see what can be done. Ed mentioned that something will have to be done down at the intersection of Water and Windsor during the sewer project because of problems with infiltration.

Al said that he will get in touch with B & S Paving about doing this.

John asked the consensus of the Board on crack sealing and Al suggested that they get estimates on this. John said that the streets he wanted to get sealed were: Barber Road, Steepleview, McKenna and Brookview. Pete said that if the money is there and John believes it is worth doing, to go ahead with it. John said that he will get in touch with the company about the crack sealing. At the same time he will have them come down and look at Maple Street.

Pete said that something has to be done on South Maple Street which causes water to drain onto South Maple. John said that this was due to a cellar drain and someone pumping water out. He suggested that when this street is paved, it should be crowned rather than to put an under drain in.

The problem with liability when this water causes ice build up in the winter was discussed.

E-mail from Mr. Turek was discussed. Peter Hanley stated that he thinks the schedule of BOS meetings should remain the same. Al agreed but Ed said that he would like to have an evening meeting now and then. All agreed that Mr. Turek should plan on attending the Budget Committee meetings. Changing the order of the Agenda was also discussed. Peter said that he feels that the meetings and agendas should be left the way they are.

Lynn will respond to the e-mail regarding the feelings of the Board.

Al Seymour made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010 @ 9:00 for the purpose of a budget workshop and an executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey
Town Clerk