

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 5, 2008
12:45 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Glendon James, Pumpstation Superintendent
Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk
Janet Richards, Tax Collector/Treasurer
Ronald Cunningham, Fire Chief
Gloria Mansir Fitzherbert, Resident

Meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m.

Bob Davis made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion – **VOTE UNANIMOUS.**

Newly elected Board of Selectmen member, Edward F. Gorham was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Appointments for the upcoming year were discussed. These were prepared by the Town Clerk for today's meeting but Peter Hanley said that he felt they should be put off until the next meeting. He also asked that they meet next Tuesday, March 11, 2008 @ 3:00 instead of waiting for the regular schedule of every other week. Peter Hanley also said that certain things should be discussed, such as opening the town office on Mondays. He asked the Town Clerk to ask all Department Heads to provide the BOS with job descriptions by next week's meeting.

Peter Hanley made a motion to elect Bob Davis as Chairman of the Board. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Letter from **Kathleen Forand** regarding **John Crocker** was addressed. This letter was presented at the previous meeting and tabled to today's meeting as John Crocker was not in attendance at the previous meeting. Her letter complained about an incident on the road during a recent snowstorm and what she and another co-worker felt was dangerous behaviour by Mr. Crocker with the Town of Randolph's truck. John Crocker had no comment. Peter Hanley felt that this was an issue that should have been reported to the police if she had a problem with it. Ed Gorham stated that he felt that John Crocker was representing the town when he was in the Town of Randolph's vehicle and should be careful as this could be a liability to the town. Peter stated that the town was insured for this kind of thing. Ed suggested that someone from the Board should respond to Mrs. Forand's letter. Bob Davis said that he would answer the letter.

Sonny James was at the meeting to update the Board on his discussions with Pat Jackson regarding a cleaning of the wetwell. Bob Davis asked if this could be delayed a bit but Sonny said that with the current weather we should make a decision. General discussion of entering into a contract etc. for cleaning and Bob Davis said that he would like it to be a one time cleaning. Peter Hanley also stated that he thinks that Sonny James should take a leave of absence while recovering from his shoulder surgery. Sonny said that a person named Randy **Bean** is the person who does “confined space” work for this Pat Jackson company. Peter Hanley said that he thinks we should check with Chuck Applebee about this. Ed Gorham questioned why we needed to go through a middle man for this and not deal directly with Mr. Bean as Sonny had suggested.

Ed Gorham made a motion for Sonny James to call Mr. Bean about cleaning the **wetwell**. Peter Hanley seconded. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**. Bob Davis wanted it made clear that this is a one-time job with the possibility of future work.

Request regarding and **annual CSO report** was discussed. Bob Davis suggested asking Chuck Applebee to do it for the Town. This report was done in the past by AE HODSDON and was due on March 1st. Ed Gorham asked if this would involve penalties for being late. Bob said that he did not think it would. Peter Hanley discussed the fact that the City of Gardiner (Mr. Applebee) was going to be charging the town of Randolph about \$35.00 per hour as opposed to AE HODSDON who charges upwards of \$85 per hours. Ed Gorham made a motion to check with Chuck Applebee. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**. Bob Davis will call Mr. Applebee.

Bob Davis stated that Chuck Applebee will be presenting the Town with a proposal for his work as Advisor.

Bob discussed an e-mail he received from Beth DeHaas (DEP) about the inspection of the pumpstation. Bob said he will notify Chuck Applebee about this inspection as he would like him to be there. Ed asked Sonny to explain what was involved in the inspection. Sonny briefly explained.

Ron Cunningham was recognized to discuss the **PSAP / Dispatch Agreement**. There has been a **resolution** signed by several other towns regarding asking the State to re-visit this issue as these towns feel that this was all done without much input from the smaller towns. This resolution addresses the problems with the whole PSAP/consolidation problems and the fact that the smaller towns are going to be paying double/triple what they have been in the past for Dispatching. Ron said that the Board could certainly sign the resolution but that he felt that it would not ultimately change anything. The bill will be coming due for dispatch soon and that signing such a resolution will not release the town from having to sign a contract eventually and paying the bill.

Discussion of the recent grant for the Fire Department was discussed. Bob asked Ron to explain this grant to Ed Gorham.

Ed Gorham brought up the issue of putting **the minutes on the town website**. Ed made a motion to put the minutes on the website. Bob Davis seconded the motion. Peter Hanley stated his opposition to it. **VOTE – 2 FOR/1 AGAINST.**

Discussion of correspondence in BOS file. Bob Davis asked that his mail be opened and he be called by telephone.

Treasurer Janet Richards was called into the meeting to discuss the various accounts. Ron said that there was **\$6800 in the Dispatching account and that \$5,000** was set aside previously for the dispatching bill. Options were discussed as to where the extra cost was going to be taken out of. Janet stated that there was **\$3,160** left in the contingency account and that we were running low in the vehicle maintenance account and the Buildings and Lands account would be at a low level due to the costs this winter of plowing.

Bob Davis stated that he would like to pay the bill but Ron and Janet said that they do not have a final invoice at this point and Janet said she cannot pay a bill without an invoice.

Bob Davis brought up the **RANDOLPH REVOLVING LOAN FUND** and the fact that the members of the RRLF had agreed to give the Randolph Veteran's Memorial Committee \$2,000 for their fund. Peter Hanley discussed the memorial and how things were going.

Bob Davis asked the Town Clerk how **Maine Municipal Association** will be updated on the new Board Member. Lynn stated that MMA sends an update form every March which she does and returns to Maine Municipal Association.

John Crocker reported to the Board that there was an issue with some ballasts in the lights in the inner office and that he will fix them but that it may cost around \$200. Ed Gorham made a motion for John to fix the lights in the office. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

Bob Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk