

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 22, 2008
3:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Gloria Fitzherbert, General Assistance Administrator

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

All three BOS members signed payroll and accounts payable warrants.

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 8, & July 11, 2008 meetings. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Treasurer/Tax Collector Janet Richards has requested that the BOS meet on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of setting the mil rate. Bob Davis made a motion to have the meeting on the 29th for this purpose. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Peter Hanley stated that he will be out of town and would not be able to attend the meeting.

Bob Davis asked that it be noted in the minutes that Janet Richards, Treasurer/Tax Collector will be on vacation from Friday, August 1, 2008 and will be back in the office on Monday, August 11, 2008. Also, that Peter Hanley will be gone from July 24, 2008 through August 3, 2008.

Bill from AE HODSDON in the amount of \$7,332.17 was received and Bob Davis feels that this should be run by the town's attorney John Larouche. Ed Gorham made a motion to send the bill to Attorney Larouche for the purpose of his advice. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Hanley showed the Board members a letter that had been written from a Jacqueline Martin regarding the Veteran's Memorial. He wanted to inform the Board that he was going to respond to the letter via a letter to the editor in the Kennebec Journal.

General discussion of differences to be voted on at Town Meeting between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Bob Davis said that he felt that the Board had made responsible decisions based on last year's budget and he did not feel that some of the cuts the Budget Committee proposed were in the best interests of the town. Ed Gorham stated that he did not feel that the cuts proposed by the Budget Committee showed much thought as to the effects the cuts would have.

General Assistance was discussed. Ed Gorham wanted Gloria to make a comment about this and Bob Davis said that he was not in favor of GA being handled by the office. Gloria commented that the budget was \$5500 last year and the Budget Committee wanted to put it down to \$5,000. Gloria also said that she felt her salary for being GA Administrator should come out of administrative costs and not out of General Assistance. Bob Davis said that it could not be done that way this fiscal year but should be put in place for next year.

Lynn presented the Board with a request for all three office staff members (Lynn, Janet & Patty) to attend the Secretary of State's Elections Conference in Bangor on September 18th and 19th which would mean that the office would be closed on those two days. Ed Gorham made a motion for Lynn, Janet & Patty to attend the conference. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ed Gorham said that he felt since the office would be closed on those two days, the office should be open on that Monday, September 15, 2008 to accommodate the public. It was agreed that this would be done and Lynn will take care of the necessary notices to the Kennebec Journal etc. Ed Gorham made a motion for the office to be open on that Monday. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ed Gorham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 29, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of setting the mil rate. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 5, 2008 @ 3:00

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk