

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, December 7, 2010
10:00 a.m.

BOS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Janet Richards, Treasurer
John Crocker, Public Works
Theodore Scontras, Savings Bank of Maine
Rebecca McNaughton, Savings Bank of Maine

Meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

Seminar on plowing was rescheduled for December 30, 2010. John and Ed are scheduled to attend this.

All three Board members signed the accounts payable and payroll warrants.

John Crocker was on the agenda to ask the Board to give him permission to dispose of the **old pump from the pump station**. It will be junked. Al Seymour made a motion to allow John to dispose of the pump. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**.

John also asked permission to hire Sam Snow to fix a **drainage problem** at the corner of **Brookview and Steepleview Streets**. Peter Hanley made a motion to give John permission to get this issue resolved by hiring Sam Snow to fix the ditch rather than have the homeowner hire someone that may not fix it properly. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**. John said that it should take no more than 2 hours.

Theodore Scontras and Rebecca McNaughton entered the meeting. They were representing Savings Bank of Maine. Recently they sent some information to the Town regarding the town's accounts with the Bank and they have had some discussion with the Town Treasurer. Mr. Scontras and Ms. McNaughton discussed the municipality's accounts with the Bank and the way they are set up. They suggested changing the accounts from sweep savings account to a line of credit. This would be a benefit to the town. The town's auditors will be consulted before making any changes.

Mr. Scontras explained that what the Savings Bank of Maine was trying to do was get away from the repurchase agreements and collateralizing the town with a Federal Home Loan Bank letter of credit so that any balances in excess of FDIC coverage (which is \$250,000.00) would be fully collateralized so the town would be 100% collateralized in any dealings with the Bank.

Ed asked if this would cost the town any money. Ted explained that it would not change that aspect of it.

Janet expressed that her feeling was that the town should talk with our auditors and get their take on changing the way we proceed. Ed said that he would feel more comfortable if the town could sit down with the auditors and discuss this before making any decisions. The bank would be happy to sit in on any meetings with the town auditors.

Mr. Scontras and Ms. McNaughton left the meeting.

Janet discussed with the Board a **tax account** (name being withheld for privacy reasons) that is about to be **foreclosed** upon by the Town. She received a request in writing for the Town to suspend the foreclosure temporarily until after the first of the year. This is for the 2008 taxes and this property owner stated that they should be able to pay these taxes by the first of the year (2011) but the foreclosure is due to happen on December 14, 2010. The total amount outstanding as of today is \$1,749.82. This would come with a time limit for sometime after the first of the year.

Peter Hanley made a motion to **suspend the foreclosure action** on this property until after the first of January 2011. Al Seymour seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Hanley asked about a list of properties in the town that are being foreclosed upon by banks. Janet stated that she gets notices of properties in town that will be foreclosed upon. He suggested that the town should proceed forward on properties in town that are ready to be foreclosed. Janet will give them an updated list after the first of January.

Memo from office staff regarding **Christmas bonuses**. The three office employees will receive the same bonuses as last year. Al Seymour made a motion to award the bonuses as in previous years. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The Town received a letter of **complaint** from **Kennebec Valley Humane Society** regarding Animal Control Officer, Howard Morang. Ed will call KVHS to discuss and will report back to the Board at the next meeting. There may be a need to call Howard in to meet with the Board regarding this issue.

Ed Gorham made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Board member, Alfred A. Seymour, Jr. to be effective after the March 2011 municipal election. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Information sent to the Board via Peter Coughlan regarding a revolving loan fund through Efficiency Maine. The members will read the information and may ask Peter Coughlan to put something on the website regarding this.

Peter Hanley discussed the fact that several citizens of Hallowell had approached him regarding the war memorial. They would like to put one in Hallowell and they would like to put one in their city resembling the Town of Randolph's. Peter will meet with them at his house tomorrow afternoon and invite the other Board members to attend if they wish.

Al Seymour made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 23, 2010 meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Al Seymour informed the Board that he will be out of State from December 20th through December 27.

Al Seymour also said that he had talked with Ruth Botkin and she is still very interested in representing the town with regard to recycling but she will be out of town for approximately a month.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11: 15 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk