

**TOWN OF RANDOLPH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**April 15, 2008**  
**3:00 P.M.**

***BOS PRESENT:***

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

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk**  
**Glendon James, Pumpstation Superintendent**  
**John Crocker, Public Works**  
**Janet M. Richards, Treasurer**  
**Patricia Ranks, Registrar of Voters**  
**Tyler Trott, SAD 11 School Board Member**  
**Candace Avery, SAD 11, School Board Member**

Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Peter Hanley made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2008 and April 8, 2008 meetings. Ed Gorham seconded the motion – **VOTE UNANIMOUS.**

Bob Davis made a motion to sign the Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement Application. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** All 3 board members signed the Application.

Ruth Botkin was recognized by the Board. Ruth was on the agenda to further discuss her participation on behalf of the Town on recycling. She asked the Board about the “committee” that had been formed as she felt at this point, there was only one person needed to represent Randolph. She reported on meetings that she had attended where the recycling was discussed. Ed Gorham stated that Stefany Arsenault and Margaret “Peggy” Hinkley had expressed interest in working on recycling in the community. Ruth reported on a one day hazardous collection event with Hatch Hill which would cost \$25 for 5 gallons or 20 lbs. per person. There is no set-up fee if the town chooses to participate but the City of Augusta needs to know by April 18, 2008. Ruth said that she will attend a planning meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April and will express the Town’s interest in participation but not a commitment.

Ed Gorham made a motion to have Ruth attend the meeting and report back to the Board with the information. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Tyler Trott and Candace Avery were at the meeting at the invitation of Bob Davis to discuss the upcoming budget for the School District. Both presented facts and figures and a general discussion of the financial status of the district. They both feel that everything is being done to keep the tax rate as low as possible. Tyler mentioned that it had been the feeling that there was no need for a principal at the TC Hamlin school but they did not agree with this and in fact stated that SAD 11 is not “administratively heavy”. The School Board has also been looking at combining Pittston School and TC Hamlin possibly beginning next year with grades K – 2 at one of the schools and grades 3 – 5 at the other. They felt this was a good alternative to actually closing a school. They also discussed the upcoming budget referendum and how many questions may

actually appear on the ballot. There could possibly be up to 15 questions on the ballot itself which will greatly affect the town with respect to election workers/counters.

The Board thanked Candy and Tyler for attending the BOS meeting and keeping the town updated. They left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Bob Davis made a motion to approve two abatements from Tax Assessor, Bill VanTuinen on the properties of Robert & Debra Berry (7 Middle Street) and Joel & Dorothy Marsh (138 Barber Road). Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Hanley made a motion to open the office on Mondays. Ed Gorham stated that he felt this should be discussed more. The office staff presented a memo to the Board (which they had requested at the last meeting) as to what is done in the office on Mondays and why the office hours should remain the same. Ed Gorham made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE = 2 for/1 against.**

Ruth asked if she could be allowed to comment on this subject. The Board gave her permission and she stated basically that she knew that there is a great deal of financial work done in the office on Mondays and she felt that these kinds of tasks are difficult to perform when answering telephone calls and waiting on the general public. She also mentioned the fact that the office is open on Tuesday evenings until 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the public.

**Town owned pieces of property** were brought up again. Bob Davis presented the board members with a written report on the parcels that are owned by the town at this time. Most of the parcels are non conforming lots and would only be of value to abutters. Bob said that there are only 2 or 3 lots that he felt the town could sell. It was asked if these parcels should be offered to the abutters but Peter said he thought they should just be put out for bid. Bob Davis said that he will check with MMA on the legal issues and will report back to the Board with his findings.

Lynn asked the Board if the office could purchase guardrails from an election supply company before the upcoming June Primary. These would cost approximately \$500. Ed Gorham said that he would check with the State and see if he could find some that we might be able to have.

Janet Richards entered the meeting to discuss the checking account for the **Randolph War Memorial Committee**. The Committee is using the Town of Randolph's Tax ID number but the treasurer and/or deputy treasurer have no access to the accounts. The statements are in fact being mailed to Peter Hanley's home address as Mrs. Hanley is the treasurer for the committee. Janet checked with the Town auditors and MMA and they both felt that this was not the proper way to handle an account with the Town of Randolph's name attached to it.. It was suggested that either everything with this account come through the Town Office or that the Committee get it's own Tax ID number.

Peter Hanley will check with the Committee to see which way they would like to proceed.

Ed Gorham made a motion to adjourn. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 29, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk