

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 6, 2009
3:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Janet Richards, Tax Collector/Treasurer

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

Bob Davis read letter from Gardiner Public Library stating that they would be freezing the fees for library service for 2009.

Peter Hanley made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 23, 2008 meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

The Town Clerk presented the Board with an appointment to sign. This is the appointment of Patricia A. Ranks as Registrar of Voters for a two-year term. This has to be signed and a copy sent to the State of Maine, Elections Division as of January 1, 2009. All three Board members signed the appointment.

Bob Davis signed the Audit Report Approval Letter from Smith & Associates with regard to the 07-08 Audit. This will be returned to Janet Richards and she will send to the auditors.

The Board discussed the use of names when discussing letters of complaint from residents. Bob Davis said he wondered if the names should be left out of the minutes with respect to the minutes being published on the town website. Peter Hanley disagreed with this as the letters were required for all requests to the Board and he felt that this should be a matter of public record.

Letter from Roger Doyle of 32 Lincoln Street addressed to John Crocker as director of Public Works was read. Mr. Doyle wrote the letter and provided pictures of damage to his property from “the Public Works Department” when plowing out the fire hydrants. It was decided that the Board will talk to John about this as the town of Randolph does not own a plow truck and it may in fact have been done by the Gardiner Water District. Bob asked that John check into this and then Bob will respond to Mr. Doyle.

Bob Davis stated that the annual CSO report paperwork received from Mr. John True at the DEP will be turned over to Mr. Chuck Applebee for completion. It was discussed that the City of Gardiner has yet to bill the Town of Randolph for any of the work done and that this was a good example of towns and cities working together for the good of both.

Bob spoke to Ed and Pete about the Sewer Project and reported that he had taken the liberty of writing to Dennis Beaulieu of the USDA regarding this project and the grant money. Peter Hanley asked Bob if this was a sure thing or just hearsay and Bob said that the money is ready and waiting once everything is approved.

At 3:30 Janet Richards entered the meeting to discuss with the Board a letter received from resident Lorna Ulmer regarding a sewer lien. Mrs. Ulmer was asking for the town to reimburse her for costs associated with a lien put on by the town on property owned by her at 46 School Street. Peter Hanley and Bob Davis had both received phone calls from Mrs. Ulmer but had both stated that they had told her that the office staff had certain laws that had to be followed and that Janet in her capacity as Tax Collector was just doing her job. It was agreed that there would be no reimbursement of fees to Mrs. Ulmer. Bob will write a letter to her to explain.

Bob Davis asked if anyone had heard anything from Tax Assessor Bill Van Tuinen. Lynn stated that there had been no contact that she was aware of regarding the piece of property between the Goodheart and Turgeon properties on Water Street. Janet suggested that Bob send a letter by certified mail to Mr. Van Tuinen.

Correspondence from Maine Power Options was read by Ed Gorham. Peter Hanley said that the since the Town had gone in with SAD #11 he did not feel anything needed to be done. Ed Gorham asked for permission to stop by the Maine Power Options office in Augusta to check on the letter.

Bob mentioned that the Town has a number of “dedicated accounts” and that the Town’s auditors had suggested that some of these accounts be closed out as there was really no need to have this many different accounts. Bob has been checking with MMA regarding this. This will be discussed more at a future meeting.

Peter Hanley asked Bob Davis if he will be available after the March election to advise on the Sewer Project that is being handled by him at this point. Bob said that he will definitely be able to help and will provide the BOS with all the information necessary.

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

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 20, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey,
Town Clerk