

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 18, 2008
3:00 P.M.

BOS PRESENT:

Robert B. Davis
Edward F. Gorham

OTHERS PRESENT:

Glendon James, Pumpstation Superintendent
Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk
Chuck Applebee, Wastewater Advisor
Gloria Mansir Fitzherbert, Resident

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

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting with two minor corrections. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The Town Clerk presented an appointment for the Board's signature, appointing Christopher Coughlan to be a member of the Narrow Gauge Nature Trail Committee for one year. Ed Gorham made a motion to appoint Christopher Coughlan. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Sonny James was recognized by the Board. Inspection of the pump station by the DEP was discussed. First, Bob Davis asked that Beth DeHaas' statement regarding the excellent work Sonny James has done over the years in taking care of the pump station be made part of the minutes along with a thank you from the Board for his services and care.

Sonny referred to the Pump Station Quick Inspection Checklist and in particular #3 "Facility Entry Safety Procedures" which was marked as "unsatisfactory" Ed mentioned his concern with the ventilation system being listed as out of date. The DEP says that we must start complying with Confined Space Entry requirements.

Sonny asked the Board to discuss and decide the order of the 3 people who would be called in an emergency situation as follows: #1 Sonny James, #2 Arthur Forand & #3 John Crocker. Sonny said that he wondered if they should call John first (after Sonny) as he is on salary or should they call Art and pay him a "call-out" fee and an hourly rate. Sonny stated that there had been approximately 2 call-outs in the past 2 years and he would suggest that the Board discuss this further and in the meantime he will talk to Art. Bob and Ed both said that this could be discussed at the next meeting. Ed Gorham made a motion to table this for the next meeting. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Sonny asked about the possibility of updating his **training for Confined Space Entry** and getting John Crocker trained as well. Chuck Applebee said that Maine Municipal Association

has very good online training that takes approximately a hour and consists of a test to be taken at the end for certification. Ed said that he felt this should be done as soon as possible. Chuck will check into the training and getting Sonny and John signed up. Ed Gorham made a motion to get this training done for Pump Station Personnel. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Sonny James presented the Board with a report regarding **LL Bean & Son** who were hired to clean the wet well. Sonny had received approval from the Board previously to hire this company for a one time cleaning at the price of \$300.00. Sonny reported that he met with Mr. Randy Bean the day of the cleaning and observed safety violations even though Mr. Bean is a certified confined space contractor licensed by the State. Sonny saw what he considered violations and unsafe practices and would not recommend hiring this company again. Sonny also stated that after talking with Chuck Applebee, Chuck told Sonny that he **had** the authority to stop him from doing the job at the time he observed these things. Sonny did not know that he had the authority to stop the work being performed. Ed Gorham made a motion to accept Sonny James' report. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Chuck Applebee was recognized by the board for a presentation regarding replacement of the Pump Station and a plan of action to stop all CSO's by the year 2009.

Mr. Applebee in his capacity as advisor for the Town of Randolph presented his suggestions for replacement of the pump station and addressing the infiltration issues. He feels that the town should work to address the infiltration issues with homeowners either first, or at the same time as working on the pumpstation project. He will get together with Bud Smith, plumbing inspector, to develop and pull together a list of the remaining homes where there has been no access or where access has been denied. Ed Gorham stated that these instances should be run by our legal counsel as he feels that to gain access where access has been denied in the past, we will have to proceed through the court system. He said that it would only make sense to do this all at once.

Mr. Applebee suggested developing a budget number to present at the Special Town Meeting to include replacement of the pumpstation and the infiltration problems. Also, developing a budget number to based on the outcome of the Public Hearing. He also suggested that the Board ask for volunteers to form a committee for this process. He said that this could be included in the Legal Advertisement for the Public Hearing which will be published twice before the date of the hearing.

There was discussion regarding the fact, brought up by Gloria Fitzherbert, that most of this had already been covered at a public hearing in November. Notes taken at this public hearing by Peter Coughlan and available on the Town website are attached to these minutes for reference and include similar information.

Mr. Applebee made a presentation that explained in detail the workings of the current pumpstation and the reasons for replacement or upgrade. One of the points made was the life span of parts of the pumpstation itself. He explained that the mechanical components have a 20 year life span, the bricks and mortar have a 50 year life span and the pipe has a 100 year life span.

Discussion of what new pumps can do. They can cut up trash and pump it out and everything can be done above ground as opposed to the way things are set up now.

Bob Davis left the meeting briefly to check on the Notice Requirements for the Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting. Bob returned to the meeting and stated that one week before the hearing is adequate but that the public hearing regarding the ordinances changes requested by the Randolph Take Out which is going to be a part of this public hearing also is more rigid. The notice will be published in the Kennebec Journal two times. The hearings are set for Tuesday, April 1, 2008 and a special town meeting being held on the pumpstation issue and the Land Use change on April 15, 2008.

Wording of the warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting was discussed. Chuck suggested that the Town may want to get the wording from the Town Attorney.

The bidding process was also discussed. Issues such as separate bids for engineering and for contractors. Mr. Applebee suggested that the town do separate RFP's (request for proposal) for the engineering and contractor. Chuck also said that the advertising for bids could possibly be done online.

Chuck said that he will prepare an overview and recommendations for presentation at the public hearing. Bob Davis also asked Sonny James and Gloria Fitzherbert who were both present at the meeting if they would be interested in serving on the committee on replacement of the pumpstation. Both Gloria and Sonny said that they would serve on the committee.

Bill from Peter Coughlan for performing moderator services at two previous special town meetings was discussed. Ed Gorham made a motion to pay Peter Coughlan \$100.00 total for the two meetings. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 1, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk