

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 19, 2008
3:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
John Crocker, Public Works
Janet Richards, Treasurer
Albert (Sonny) Barry (EC Barry & Sons)

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

All three BOS members signed payroll and accounts payable warrants.

Bob Davis asked that a correction be made to page 1 of the minutes of the July 22, 2008 meeting at bottom of first page. Lynn will make the correction (grammatical). Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes with the change. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes as written of the August 5, 2008 meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

John Crocker was at the meeting just to update the Board. He discussed the fact that there was money in escrow for the cemetery which was twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars. John stated that he would like the Board to be aware and in agreement that he can continue to use these funds for repair work that needs to be done. He will leave \$8,000 or so in the escrow for future use. John said that since the Town has taken over the ownership and maintenance of the cemeteries, they could be responsible for replacing stones if the families actually requested it. He also wanted to make the Board aware that they will be seeing some charges under the “Buildings & Land” account beyond the funace and insulation for a storage closet he has built on the back of the town garage for storage.

Peter Hanley stated that the 3 cemeteries in Town look very nice and are well taken care of.

Janet M. Richards entered the meeting for several items. She asked the Board members to sign the **maintenance contract for the new photocopier** recently approved and purchased. All three board members signed the contract.

She also had an original of the **Certificate of Assessment** which had an error in the dates which went unnoticed by the Selectboard members when they executed it. She had corrected it and all three members executed the new Certificate with the correct dates.

Janet reported that there were **5 real estate accounts that were granted abatements last year** and the information did not get carried forward by the Tax Assessors this year. She had the Selectboard members sign the paperwork for these abatements. They were: **Alphonso Michaud, (2), Lawrence Lapointe, Ruth Caldwell and Violet Richards.**

At 3:30 p.m. **Albert “Sonny” Barry** entered the meeting for the purpose of discussion and possible execution of a new **3-year contract for snowplowing and street sweeping** with the Town of Randolph. Sonny stated that he agreed with most of the requirements and mentioned the fact that even though there was no mention of cleaning the sidewalk on School Street, he would plan on doing it. He has done it in the past and some of the residents of that street had complained that he was blowing the snow into their yards, but felt that it was important. Discussion of other sidewalk clearing included the **sidewalk from Belmont to Kinderhook, the corner of Water Street up to Fairview Street** and the **School Street sidewalk from Hillcrest to Water Street.** The new streets accepted at Town Meeting was not included in Sonny’s contract as he did not know the status of acceptance when drawing up the contract. This was approximately 3/10 of a mile which will have to be added into the plowing contract.

Ed asked about the **fuel charges** and Sonny said that anything above **\$4.80** will be the responsibility of the Town as spelled out in the contract. Sonny asked about the sweeping contract and Janet brought in the proposed contract with changes in the dates. Both **contracts were signed, witnessed and notarized.**

At 3:55 Sonny Barry left the meeting.

Letter from resident regarding doing some volunteer work for the town in the mini park at the end of the Bridge was discussed. John said that Mr. John Devin from the DOT would have to be contacted as this property was owned by the State of Maine but simply maintained by the Town. John said he thought that any beautification projects would probably be denied by the State. Bob Davis said he will contact the person who wrote the letter and inform them of this information.

Bob Davis mentioned that Bob St. Pierre (CEO) had informed the Board of the IGA’S proposed expansion and that this is something that may require a simple zoning change similar to the one granted to the Randolph Takeout last April. This is in the hands of the Planning Board at this point but Bob just wanted the Board to be aware.

Four originals of **Agreement between the Town of Randolph and Earth Tech, Inc.,** for the Main Pump Station Upgrade and CSO Master Plan Update were signed and will be returned to Aubrey Strause, Project Engineer for execution by Earth Tech’s Principal, Richard Jubinville and two fully executed originals will be returned to the Town for our files.

Peter Hanley asked about supervisors for the project and said that it may be one of the 3 BOS members who will have to watch over the project.

Letter from **Ron and Charlene Goodheart,** Water Street, was read by Bob Davis. This letter was referring to a strip of land beside their house. They have been trying to establish who this

piece of property is owned by as they are interested in purchasing it. They said that they had been told by the office staff that this property had been “absorbed” by the Town. Bob Davis asked that this letter be given to Bob St. Pierre for clarification but Janet Richards spoke in her capacity as tax collector to the fact that Mr. & Mrs. Goodheart had spoken to Bob numerous times and Mr. St. Pierre had informed them that they would have to have a survey done in order to determine exactly who owns the property. Janet stated that this strip of land is between the Goodhearts property and property owned by Joseph Turgeon.

Bob Davis asked Peter Hanley and Ed Gorham if it is determined that the Town has claim to the property, would they be agreeable to the town splitting this parcel between the two property owners and conveying it by quitclaim deed. Ed and Pete both agreed. Bob will talk to Bob St. Pierre about this.

Letter from **Kennebec Valley Council of Governments** was read by Bob Davis. They were asking for a representative on their General Assembly. Bob stated that he would like offer himself as the representative. Ed Gorham made a motion for Bob Davis to be Randolph’s representative to KVCOG. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Peter Hanley reported to the Board that he had taken Mr. Hickey to look at the tree behind Gloria’s property. He will give Gloria and Mr. Newell a price on removal of the tree. There is some dispute as to who should pay for the removal.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m. Next meeting is **Tuesday, September 2, 2008 @ 3:00.** Spirit of America ceremony will be held at start of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk