

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 8, 2009

10:00 a.m.

**Liquor License Hearing for
Sun Sun Restaurant**

BOS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

**John Crocker, Public Works
Gloria Fitzherbert, GA Administrator
Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Janet Richards, Tax Collector/Treasurer
Liang Ran Mai, Proprietor of Sun Sun Restaurant
Charlie Smith, A.E. Com
Ronald Cunningham, Randolph Fire Chief
Gregory Lumbert, Randolph Police Chief
Loring "Bud" Smith, Randolph Plumbing Inspector
Glendon "Sonny" James, Pump Station Superintendent**

**Glissen Estes, A.E. Com
Randy & Mark, Flow Assessment Serv.**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Hearing for Liquor License was opened up. Mr. Mai from Sun Sun was in attendance. There being no objections to the granting of the license, Peter Hanley made a motion to grant the license. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Hearing was closed at 10:15 a.m.

Charlie Smith and Glissen Estes, from A.E. Com were at the meeting along with Randy & Mark from Flow Assessment to explain the upcoming smoke testing which is in conjunction with the sewer project. They opened up the floor to questions as to the testing procedures.

The testing will be conducted starting tomorrow, September 9, 2009 and will hopefully be concluded by the end of the day. A list of the areas in town being tested will be provided to the Town Office in case of questions. Also, there will be leaflets given out today in these areas to explain the procedure and hopefully avoid any calls to local fire departments and/or police. Ron Cunningham expressed concern of the late notice of this and stated that he will have two firefighters standing by the day but will bill their time to the sewer project. Greg Lumbert said he will notify the State Police and the Kennebec Sheriff's office that this will be going on in case they get calls from residents.

A.E. Com and representative of Flow Assessments left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Letter from **Art Forand** was read and discussed. He was concerned with herbicide spraying being done in town in the cemeteries and on the sides of the road etc. Peter Hanley asked John Crocker if this was being done and he said that he was using "Round-Up" and that it was perfectly legal for him to do so. He also said that his co-worker, Ken Curtis, has a license to spray. Peter asked Sonny James if he had encountered this in his lawn care business and Sonny stated that he believed it was not legal. Peter Hanley asked Lynn to compose a letter to Mr. Forand stating that the Town was within it's legal right to be using Round-Up in routine maintenance and care.

Al Seymour asked **Greg Lumbert** if anything could be done with the problem of **speeding on Kinderhook Street**. Greg said that this has been a problem for many years and that he will do whatever he can about it. Speed limit signs were discussed and also reference was made to speed bumps. Peter Hanley said that he was not in favor of speed bumps.

Letter from **Clyde Fowler** was read. Mr. Fowler was upset that he was not given the Homestead Exemption and the Veteran's Exemption for this tax year. It was explained that Mr. Fowler had moved out of town and re-applied for and received the exemptions in West Gardiner. When he moved back to Randolph he did not re-apply by April 1st so did not receive the exemptions for this year. He was told that he can apply for them for the upcoming tax year. Peter Hanley asked that the town clerk prepare a letter explaining this and he will sign the letter as Chairman of the Board. Janet Richards was consulted about this in her capacity as Tax Collector. Al Seymour made a motion to send the letter to Mr. Fowler explaining this. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Janet Richards asked to speak to the Board regarding paperwork that was received in the office in July. The package was addressed to Janet as contact person but she explained that just because the documents are addressed to her, they are ultimately the responsibility of the Board to review and take care of. Peter Hanley suggested that **all correspondence** in the BOS folder be **read and initialed** by each of the three selectmen.

Janet stated that she has an appointment at the Savings Bank of Maine at 2:00 p.m. today to discuss the **loan for \$417,000.00** in conjunction with the sewer project. Peter Hanley asked if he should go to the bank with Janet and she stated that it would probably be a good idea.

Letter from Eric Wilkins at Central Maine Power Company regarding street lights was discussed. It was felt that from his letter, the town would be saving a very minimal amount of money by having street lights replaced with lower wattage bulbs. Peter Hanley stated that there might be legal ramifications and he felt that things should be left the same. He stated that if Peter Coughlan or any other members of the Budget Committee felt it necessary to investigate this further, they could form a committee.

Marge Gilman was recognized by the Board. She was at the meeting as a follow-up to her issues and complaints. She asked if the Code Enforcement had talked to the Board about a new ordinance regarding the trash problems. Peter said they had not heard anything about this and he feels that since he talked with Attorney John Larouche, some of these things might not be an issue.

Peter said that after talking with John Larouche, he still wants to be the town's attorney and will move forward on several of the issues that have come up. He is planning on taking some of these violators to court. Peter Hanley feels that this might help with the trash issues also. Al Seymour stated that the Board should talk with Bob St. Pierre about any new ordinances he felt should be adopted. Peter said he will talk with Bob St. Pierre this afternoon after his meeting at the Bank.

The questions about the drainage problems will be discussed with John Crocker at the next meeting.

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 25, 2009 meeting. Al Seymour seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Al Seymour made a motion to appoint expiring members of the Randolph Planning Board – R. Gloria Mansir Fitzherbert, Charles Brown and Eugene Johnson for the next 3 years. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS. The three Certificates of Appointment were signed by all three selectboard members.

Discussion of state properties and taking ownership resulted in tabling the matter until the next meeting. Peter Coughlan has done most of leg work on this and submitted a form letter to the State to take ownership. Peter Coughlan called prior to the meeting and said that he thought there were two properties and that maybe they should be addressed separately. This is tabled until the next meeting.

Ed Gorham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Seymour seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk