

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 25, 2009
10:00 a.m.

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

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

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 11, 2009 and August 12, 2009 meetings. Al Seymour seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Gloria Fitzherbert was recognized by the Board. She was speaking for herself and on behalf of Marjorie & David Gilman. Marge Gilman brought into the Town Office, pictures of standing water behind Maple Street. This is a continuing problem according to Gloria and she feels that if the Town will go in and clean up this area and do something to redirect the natural water flow, this problem would be better. She stated that when Windsor Street was redone by the DOT, the culvert was too high to handle the drainage.

The Board asked John Crocker's opinion on this and he feels that this is not clearly the town's right of way and that the problem was caused by the DOT work. He also stated that he feels there are legal ramifications to doing anything to a "natural waterway". Gloria said that she would like to have the Board instruct John to come and clean out the vegetation. The Board took no action on this.

The Board signed the URIP certification. This is Urban Rural Initiative Program and the amount that the Town of Randolph will receive is \$8,592.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

The remainder of the paperwork will be completed by Janet Richards as treasurer.

Ed Gorham completed paperwork from Fairpoint regarding the Town's exemption certificate previously on file with Verizon. Ed looked over the form, filled in some of it and then asked for it to be given to Janet to complete and submit.

Liquor License renewal hearing for the Sun Sun Restaurant was set up for the next regular meeting. The hearing will be at the beginning of the September 8, 2009 meeting and Peter Hanley asked that the owner of the restaurant be present in case of any questions. This will be advertised in the Kennebec Journal.

Discussion of town attorney John Larouche. Peter asked if anyone had heard anything from Attorney Larouche. None of the 3 board members nor anyone in the office had heard back from Mr. Larouche since Peter Hanley contacted him several weeks ago. Ed Gorham made a motion for Peter to contact him again and ask if he still wants to represent the town. Al Seymour seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Ed Gorham reported that he had received a phone call at home from Mr. Clyde Fowler a resident of Pleasant Street. Mr. Fowler was upset that he did not receive his veteran's exemption on his taxes for this year. He was told by the tax collector that he had not filed his paperwork by the April 1st deadline and there was nothing that could be done. He told Ed that he was in the hospital on the 1st and felt that this was unfair. He previously had these exemptions but had moved to West Gardiner, they were removed from his Randolph property and when he moved back to Randolph he needed to re-apply which he did not do. It was decided that nothing could be done to change this.

John Crocker reported that in the process of paving Maureen Avenue, he was contacted by Andrea Sargent who is a resident of the street. She would like to have her driveway paved and asked that the Town put in a culvert. John stated that he believed that the policy of the Town was that the homeowner put in the first culvert and the town maintains it from that point on. Peter Hanley made a motion to follow town policy and for John to inform the Sargents that they must pay to have the culvert installed. Al Seymour seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS. John said he will check with the Code Enforcement Officer to make sure that this is the policy and will make a copy to show the Board at the next meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk