

**TOWN OF RANDOLPH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**  
**5:00 p.m.**

***BOS PRESENT:***

**Mark Roberts, Chair**  
**Robert Henderson**  
**Matt Drost**

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk**  
**John Larouche, Town Attorney**  
**Greg Lumbert, CEO**  
**Scott Stairs, Resident**  
**Art Forand, Public Works**  
**Gregory Rosshirt, Borrego Solar**  
**Sean Thies, CES Inc.**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Conditions at 100 Kinderhook Street have been reported to DHHS by Health Officer, Gregory Lumbert.

Matt Drost made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** All three Board members signed the payroll and accounts payable warrants for the week.

Art Forand and the Board discussed the **pump station** readings. They had the readings taken by Sonny James, Pumpstation Superintendent from January of 2018 and there seemed to be some discrepancy in the numbers. The Board and Art are unsure what format Sonny uses for these readings and if he saves them going forward each month. These readings are copied and kept in a file here at the Town Office and are given to the Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Plant quarterly. Art is meeting with Rachel from Hoyle, Tanner on Thursday at the Town office to discuss things about the pumpstation. Mark suggested that Art take her down to the pumpstation so that she may access how things are read and how numbers are obtained.

Art reported that he had gotten a message from a Central Street resident regarding the streetlights that are being removed and the traffic using Central and Hillcrest Streets. The streetlight conversion was explained and the traffic issues are to be reported to the Constable.

Scott Stairs a Middle Street resident was on the agenda to speak to the Board about a situation in Randolph that he has observed recently. There is a panhandler standing on the sidewalk by the Bridge with a sign asking for money. Scott feels that this could be a hazard and inquired as to whether or not the Town had an ordinance regarding this. The Town

does not and the Town Attorney John Larouche explained that as long as this person is not interfering with traffic or accosting citizens, it is his first amendment right to do this. If there are any traffic or safety concerns at any point, they should be reported to the police.

Scott thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Matt Drost also left the meeting at this point.

Greg spoke to the Board about a class on **Marijuana Laws** that he had attended. There is still a lot unknown about what exactly can and cannot be done with these laws but he will continue to monitor the situation for the Town. There was discussion about registering “caregivers” with the Town for a fee. Some municipalities are doing this, requiring permits from such caregivers. Attorney Larouche will be doing some research into this issue and keeping the Board updated.

Gregory Rosshirt from **Borrego Solar** in Massachusetts and Sean Thies from **CES, Inc.** in Brewer were at the meeting to inform the Board of a Solar Panel project that they may be installing in Randolph. This is on a 20+ acre parcel of land at the North of Water Street, behind the Auction House. They are at the early stages of development but they have a lease agreement on the land. There will be approximately 14,000 panels and the estimated cost of the project will be 6-7 million dollars. The panels would be screwed into the ground and all will be surrounded by a barrier fence (7 feet) and the parcel would be secured from outside access. The company does online maintenance and does mowing of the grass about twice a year. Greg Lumbert asked about other projects that this company had done and there is one in Massachusetts. He would like to look at one of their others.

**The Planning Board** will be contacted to get a meeting and Pete Coughlan will be able to tell them what they need to provide for the Town. CES provided a Natural Resources Map of the property and a presale layout of the project. There was a lot of discussion about the permitting process with the State and the Town, safety concerns, vandalism and visibility etc. Mr. Rosshirt asked for the contact information of the Town Tax Assessor as they have questions about how this will be taxed. Lynn will send this information to Mr. Rosshirt tomorrow morning. Building permit fees were also discussed. It is unknown how these will be assessed for this project. This can be worked out between the company and the Town. Mr. Rosshirt and Mr. Thies left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Greg spoke to the Board about the ongoing renovations on two properties in Town, one on Stevens Avenue and one on Maple Street and his concerns about the condition of the properties. He will continue to monitor.

Bob Henderson made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk