

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, January 5, 2016
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Mark E. Roberts
Robert Henderson, Jr.
Matthew T. Drost

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk
John Larouche, Town Attorney
Janet Richards, Tax Collector/Treasurer
Art Forand, Public Works
Peter Coughlan, DOT/Resident
Palmira Mercado, Resident

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

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of December 22, 2015. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The Board read a memo from Code Enforcement Officer regarding a **dead tree on Second Street**. Bob went out and inspected and determined that this tree is in the Town's right of way and should be taken down at the Town's expense. Art Forand will get two quotes for taking the tree down. Stump removal is not part of it.

Mark Roberts made a motion to go into **executive session** per 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(E) for attorney-client consultations. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Board went into executive session at 5:12 p.m.

At 5:45 p.m. the Board came out of executive session with no motions or votes taken.

At 5:46 **Palmira Mercado** entered the meeting. She received a letter from the Code Enforcement Officer regarding items she had placed on the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and Central Street. These items include a shrub, rocks and reflector rods. Since they were in the **Town's right of way** and could cause a danger when the snow is being plowed, the town gave her 15 days to remove the items. Mrs. Mercado explained that she was trying to keep the snow and dirt etc., from coming up too close to her house. After some discussion she agreed to remove the items but asked for extra time which the Board agreed to. They also agreed that Art could perhaps aid her in loosening up the rocks that were placed there and may now be frozen in the ground. She also discussed the "hump" at the end of her driveway that she has asked about in the past. This was done years ago when they did the Central Street sewer project. It was thought it may be a "berm" to aid in the drainage of water as there is not a sewer pipe underneath. At 6:07 p.m. Mrs. Mercado left the meeting.

Art brought up the “**Culvert Policy**”. He had drafted it and the Board had made some changes to it. Peter Coughlan came into the meeting and told the Board that it was not necessary and that the Town is responsible by State law for the culverts if they are structurally insufficient or are impeding the flow of water. It was decided after discussion that the Town does not need to adopt this new policy or the same policy that the State of Maine uses. Peter Coughlan left the meeting.

Board members and Art attended a meeting with the DOT on Monday regarding the upcoming project on Water Street. It is still in the planning stages now.

Art discussed crosswalks in Town. There are seven which are listed on the Lucas Striping bill: Water/School, Water/Windsor, Windsor/Pleasant, Water/Central, Water/Jones, Water/Kinderhook and Windsor and the nature trail. Any of these that will be affected in the project will be redone by the DOT.

The **gutters** at the town office will be installed on January 18th. This is later than originally thought and the Board asked that Art keep an eye on the walkway at the Town Office for ice

Bob asked Art if he had heard anything from Carrier signs about the “**Welcome To Randolph**” signs. Art still has not heard from Mr. Carrier and he will check on this again.

Art also told the Board that he has contacted Luke at DOT at least 3 times about **the speed limit** signs on Windsor Street. Bob Henderson suggested, with the backing of the Board, to go to Dave Allen @ DOT and make a complaint.

Janet came into the meeting for the Board to finish up their review of the **Audit**. All members of the BOS approved and signed the audit.

Bob Henderson made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. Matt Drost seconded the motion.
VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk