

**TOWN OF RANDOLPH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 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**  
**Art Forand, Public Works**  
**Greg Lumbert, CEO**  
**Pete Coughlan**  
**JB – Affinity Lighting**  
**Donna Sonner, Resident**  
**Marcia Dobres, Resident**

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

Donna Sonner was on the agenda to speak at the meeting. She complained to the Board that one of the members was not keeping his property in good condition and in fact had an old swimming pool with a collapsed side which she felt was a hazard to the neighborhood. She also observed the fact that there had been some building going on without a visible building permit. A permitting paperwork will be done soon through the CEO. Sonner and Dobres left the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Matt told the Board that he composed and sent the letter to the DEP with an updated Sewer Map and Asset list. There will be more on this process later. He will continue to be in contact with Hoyle Tanner.

Ron Cunningham had **Bill Wentworth** from **Cost Recovery Associates** at the meeting to present the Town with its first recovery check in the amount of \$1,377.00.

Art talked with the Board about the **spreadsheets** he now has made up for the sewer system. These will show all the manholes as to location, flushings, blockages etc. This will all be on the spreadsheet to make locations etc., easier.

He discussed with the Board getting a laptop that would be easier to work with on items like this for the public works. He had spoken with Sheldon and asked him to look out for one possibly used for around \$300.00. After some discussion, the Board authorized him to purchase a **new laptop** with a cap of \$1,000.00 Art will look into it and this could be taken

out of equipment or contingency. When one is purchased, it will be decided what account it will be taken from.

There was a discussion about being able to connect to the internet while out in the field. Ron is going to check with US Cellular about “hot spots” and what needs to be purchased to get them.

There was discussion about a residence on **Kinderhook Street** where the residents are living with **no running water**. This was reported to the CEO and the Board discussed with Greg and the Town Attorney about rights and getting in to see if there are issues in the home. There are two working adults living in the home along with two legal aged people and one 15 year old. With both adults working, they do not qualify for assistance and in fact they requested that the water be shut off. This could be a health issue. Greg has made contact with the residents but has not gained access into the house as he was not sure if he had the authority. Attorney Larouche suggested that Greg go to the home and ask for entrance with the thought that the Town may be able to figure out the problems and perhaps assist them with getting things repaired. It is unknown if there are health code violations.

Attorney Larouche will research this further to see what the Town has for rights to gain entrance and what is the Town’s responsibility as far as this being deemed a dangerous building or situation.

Ron Cunningham asked the Board if they would like him to set up a meeting with the **Murphy School** regarding what is going to be done with the **generator** which is still owned by the Town. The Board agreed that this meeting should be set up soon. At that point there will be discussion as to whether or not the Town wishes to sell the generator as the school is no long a town shelter or purchase a new one. Ron suggested that the Church may be interested in buying it and having it installed.

Also Ron asked permission to set up a meeting of the **Fire Station Building Committee** as there have been no meetings for quite some time. The Board agreed to that. Ron will set up and get back to the Board.

Ron Cunningham left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Pete Coughlan and JB, from **Affinity Lighting** informed the Board that the light conversion is ready to go but there is a Purchase and Sale Agreement from CMP that needs to be signed. A bill will be presented to the Town from CMP, they will be paid off and the project can begin. Existing poles will not be taken town but the fixtures will be removed and the bulbs recycled. The Town will do what they can to get rid of the “arms” and in fact may keep a couple in case they are ever needed. They also believe that some of the other municipalities who have converted may want some. Art discussed storing them on the top of the Connex Box so that they will not be in the way of the Fire Department or plowing.

There was discussion about the **sidewalk on School Street**. It was discussed whether or not this was necessary now or a priority due to the fact that there is no long a public school

there. Some sidewalk work has to be done but the Board could not come to a decision. This was tabled.

Matt Drost made a motion to notify the DOT of the Town's intent to withdraw the application for the grant and to table the conversation until more public comment can be obtained. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Art reported that there had been minimal complaints about plowing. The speed of the drivers has been noticed and Art will speak to Angie about this.

Mark Roberts made a motion to award the **Boston Post Cane** to Marjorie Kittredge. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey