

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Mark Roberts, Chair
Robert Henderson
Matt Drost

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Greg Lumbert, CEO
Art Forand, Public Works
John Larouche, Town Attorney
Tammy Trask, Resident
Diana Gorham, So. Maple Street resident
Stephanie Duncan, So. Maple Street resident
Patricia Cummings, So. Maple Street resident

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

Attorney Larouche reported that the Bond Documents were drafted and will be ready for next Tuesday's meeting.

He has also been in contact with Attorney Carillo on the Simonds/White/DEP issue and has told him that they will need to be negotiating with DEP.

The Board asked John about the **Rausch dangerous building** issue. He said that he still has phone calls to make. Art has put up the "no trespassing" signs on the property. The letters should be ready to go out by next week. The Board is anxious to get this matter moving along and John said he will have more ready by next week's meeting.

Art said that the School Street project has been set back due to weather issues but hopefully paving will be done on Monday.

There was a possible plug in the sewer system on Windsor Street on Sunday but after investigation, it was found to be the homeowner's problem. He also reported that Fairview Avenue is coming along great. He was contacted by the contractor for Gretchen Patrick from Kinderhook Street regarding some changes and issues with the sewer on her project. Greg suggested that these be put in writing and given to the Town and they will review.

Greg showed the Board a map of the 3 lots in question on Fairview and issues with road frontage etc. After discussion about the right of way line in the road, it was suggested that they can use this map and literally draw where a building can go to meet all the frontage issues and setbacks.

The **Rausch property** was discussed again. Art will send pictures of the “no trespassing” signs that he affixed to the property. CMP was contacted but would not give any information as to who is charge of paying the power bill but they could get in touch with that person as to shutting off the power to avoid any danger of fire. The Board was very interested in moving this along ASAP.

Diana Gorham, a **South Maple Street** resident was on the agenda to address the Board of the recent decision by them to make the Street “**no parking**” on either side. This decision was made after one resident of the street complained. Ms. Gorham was concerned that the change was made without getting any input from the other residents of the street and that the no parking could have unintended consequences. There are issues with one house on the street where there may be criminal activity going on and it is causing many problems. Greg Lumbert stated that while he could not comment on anything ongoing, law enforcement is aware of the problems. Ms. Gorham asked or suggested that if police would show a presence on the street that it might have an impact.

Stephanie Duncan gave her observation on the matter and suggested that something be done working with the interested residents on South Maple. After much discussion, it was decided that since the winter parking ban is set to go into effect shortly, the Town will hold on to the “no parking” signs and revisit the issue in early spring with any interested residents of South Maple Street.

Bob Henderson made a **motion to reverse the decision** made on September 29 to have “no parking” on South Maple Street and wait until after the winter parking ban. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The residents of South Maple Street in attendance thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Janet Richards came into the meeting to discuss with the Board some tax collector and treasurer issues. They directed her to draw \$400,000 more from the Bond for ongoing construction work. It was felt that School Street could and should be taken out of Capital Improvement Roads – account 829 which would cover Coutts’ bill and Mainely Paving.

The Board signed the **accounts payable and payroll warrants** for the week.

Janet asked about the worker’s comp and whether to go with the automatic of 1% even though it is possible that after January the third position in the office may go back to part time. The agreed to keep it at the automatic of 1%.

Janet has tried and has been unsuccessful in making contact or getting any response on the property on Fairview (Sansouci) and it is now ready for foreclosure for unpaid taxes and sewer liens. The Board agreed that there will be one more attempt made to give this person the chance to resolve the foreclosure before going forward. Janet will prepare a letter for the Boards’ signatures next week.

There are also 3 other sewer liens in foreclosure status and letters will also go out on those. They are: Duplessis, Poulin and Clark.

There were a few properties that were sold but due to COVID-19 the Town did not receive transfers in time. These properties will be abated and supplemental tax bills sent out.

Matt Drost made a motion to **abate personal property tax** to Coutts Bros., Inc. assessed on equipment that qualified under the BETE program. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Matt Drost made a motion to **approve the abatements** for the following properties: McMaster, Carolin, Willard, Thorpe and Flewelling. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Matt Drost made a motion to go into **executive session** per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) for a personnel matter. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Board went into executive session at 6:50 p.m.

Matt Drost made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:10 p.m. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Session ended at 7:10 with no decisions or motions made.

Matt Drost made a motion to accept the **minutes** of the September 29, 2020 and October 6, 2020 meetings. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R, Mealey, Town Clerk