

TOWN OF RANDOLPH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016  
5:00 p.m.

***BOS PRESENT:***

**Mark Roberts, Chair**  
**Bob Henderson**  
**Matthew Drost**

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk**  
**John Larouche, Attorney**  
**Angie Ellis, Cemetery Sexton**  
**David Cobb, Resident**

Meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m.

John Larouche was at the meeting to inform the Board of his negotiations with American Tower regarding the **cell phone tower** being leased on town property

**American Tower**, the current owner of the cell tower wishes to negotiate the current lease agreement adding 8 5-year terms at the end of the existing lease. They would pay the town \$30,000 up front to continue the agreement with the rental payment going up 15% at the end of each 5 year term. Also, at each 5 year term, the contract could be discontinued by the company but the Town also has that option at each term.

The Board gave their unanimous consent for Attorney Larouche to negotiate this for these terms. He will return with more details and an amended lease agreement for the Board to sign. Mr. Larouche left the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Angie Ellis was at the meeting per request of the Board. She supplied them with **a list of equipment** that **Ellis Construction** will be using for the upcoming plowing season. The Board asked that they be allowed to come out to the company to inspect all equipment when they have everything ready to go for plowing season.

Angie also asked the Board to make a decision on the cemetery **gravedigging contract**. This will have the funeral homes pay the town for the digging and in turn the town will pay the gravedigger for his work. This will enable the town more control over who does the work with regard to insurance etc. The funeral home would pay \$600 for a burial and \$250 for a cremation. The gravedigger charges \$500 burials and \$200 for cremations. Any excess would go into the cemetery fund for upkeep, stone cleaning and perhaps an account could be set up to pay for corner markers if this would present a hardship to families.

Angie will draft a letter to the area funeral homes, informing them of this change which has to be done before December.

Angie also gave the Board an amendment that she said should be added to the current by-laws. It will be Article 7 – Sec. A and will state: If a lot is purchased within thirty (30) days of burial or cremation, such purchase shall be paid in either cash, bank check or money order.

Matt Drost made a motion to amend the **Cemetery By-Laws** by adding this Article 7 to them. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The Board discussed coming up with something to show at next year's Town Meeting in the way of a cost analysis to show the savings to the town with this contract and the choice to go with a salt priority as opposed to sand.

David Cobb came to the meeting regarding **21 Kinderhook Street**. He is interested in purchasing the building from the company that owns it if the town would be willing to negotiate the liens that are on the property. The Board stated that they would be willing to sit down and talk to him. Mr. Cobb would like to look inside and the Board said that if he can arrange it with Art Forand, he can have Art remove one of the pieces of plywood and look inside. If he goes in, it will be at his own risk.

David Cobb left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Matt Drost made a motion to accept **the minutes of the September 27 2016** meeting. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

**Schedule of meetings was discussed.** Two Tuesdays in November will have to be changed. Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is the Presidential election and the office will be unavailable. They will meet on Thursday of that week and the Thursday of the following week due to the annual audit being done. Schedule will be posted with the changes.

Bob Henderson informed the Board about the Bridge being re-wired and that the Town will have their own service for lights. This will be discussed with the Treasurer and DOT so that the proper accounts can be set up.

**Ron Cunningham** came into the meeting. He had a revised **Hazard Mitigation Plan** for the Board members to sign. He also reminded the Board about a discussion of the Town of Randolph "borrowing" one of Chelsea's fire trucks. He is getting ready to sign an agreement on this deal. He checked with MMA regarding insurance and was told that since the town just paid a renewal, there will be no cost at this time. The truck will stay in the possession of the Town of Chelsea but will be available to the Town of Randolph. Since there is no room at the current station to park the truck, Ron has negotiated with the Town of Farmingdale to park it at their Station #2 on the Hallowell-Litchfield Road. This truck cannot be used to flush sewer lines and that will be part of the agreement. The only cost to Randolph is if we do damage to the truck – it will be our responsibility to fix it.

Mark stated that he has **the "preliminary" plan** for the new fire station and will set up a Fire Station Committee meeting. He will send out an e-mail to the members with a possible date of Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Ron Cunningham left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

The Board further discussed **traffic ordinances** with regard to the area of Third, Second & Jones Streets. They may have to change ordinances or update them which may require public hearings and special town meetings. This will be researched further.

For the time being, they will talk to Greg Lumbert about strictly enforcing the “No Parking” on these streets.

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

**VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk