

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
5:00 p.m

BOS PRESENT:

Robert Henderson
Edward F. Gorham
Peter K. Hanley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
John Crocker, Public Works
Glendon "Sonny" James, Pump Station

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

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 30, 2012 meeting. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – Ed & Bob for.** Motion passed. Peter Hanley had not arrived at the meeting at this time.

Bob Henderson had a letter/bill from Modern Pest Control regarding the need for a sweeper at the bottom of the door to the mechanic's room. Bob asked John to take care of this.

Appointments for the Future Fire Station Committee were signed: Bob and Ed signed appointments for Mike Carrie, Ron Cunningham and Bill Ebert. Bob, Ed & Pete signed the appointments for Marge Gilman & Al Seymour, Jr. They will all be contacted.

Sonny was at the meeting to discuss the ongoing pump overload problem, first with pump #2 where the VFD drive was changed twice to alleviate the problem.

Pump #1 has never been changed and continues to be a problem. Sonny asked the Board to please do something to find out how this can be corrected. The problem seems to be with the divider in pump #1 and the pumps working against each other. He continues to get calls for no reason. Sonny has been talking with Matt Turus of TCI who told Sonny that he had looked at the manual for the pump and could not understand it and he was going to call the vendor to see if they could provide some guidance as to what can be done. Everyone seems to feel that the divider is the problem but Charlie Smith, the engineer from AECOM said that it will collapse if the divider is taken out. Sonny told the Matt that he is going to pursue this further and that something needs to be done to fix the problem. The leftover money from the USDA cannot be used for anything further until the problems are fixed.

John Crocker said that the USDA will be stepping in as it was their funding and they will not stand for a sub standard station. John stated that he felt that Charlie Smith had changed the plans from the original ones presented to the Board.

Peter Hanley said that the selectmen should never have signed off on the station and he told them not to sign off. The town attorney was there at that meeting and it was felt that it is now time to get him at a meeting to get this issue resolved.

Sonny said that Beth DeHaas from the DEP is going to inspect the station on November 26, 2012. She and Sonny will be there at 2:00 p.m. She usually asks to see the records that have been kept and Sonny will explain what is going on with the faulty pump.

Bob said that John Larouche, Sonny, John and Matt from AECOM should be at a meeting to get some of these things straightened out. Also there should be a warranty and they are not honoring it. Bob said that Larouche told the Board to sign off or they could be sued.

Sonny James presented the board with a Contract from **Ted Berry Company** to clean the pumpstation every 6 months @ \$1,500 each time. This company is the only company that can perform this service. The Board approved it and Sonny James signed the contract as Pumpstation Superintendent.

We already have a signed contract with Stevens Electric for the two substations.

It was discussed as to whether or not Bob St.Pierre had been to the businesses areas in town who are on the sewer system to check on how they were disposing of their grease. June's Restaurant, Town Line Variety, Randolph Takeout, Webb's Mobil & Sun Sun.

Sonny James presented the Board with his updated job description.

John suggested that the Town accept the proposal from A.E. Hodsdon. The proposal was for a total of \$7500 - \$8500 to develop a preliminary engineering report, amending or supplementing the Environmental Report, preparing bid documents for quotes and awarding the contract and administering the construction activities.

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the proposal from A.E. Hodsdon. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Bob Henderson discussed changing "salaried" employees to either a stipend or hourly rate. John Crocker would fall under this category. Bob said they can keep things the way they are now and just call John's pay a "Stipend" or change him to an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour with an average of 24 hours per week or \$360 per week or an average of 22.5 would be \$15.65 per hour. This was found out through research done by Janet Richards. John and Peter Hanley said they would like it to stay the same and just call it a "stipend" but Bob said he would like it to be an hourly rate with set hours. John does not want to have set hours. The former agreement with the Board was 20 hours per week or 1,000 hours per year and \$3,000 per year for being on call.

Peter Hanley asked why the town should change the way things are being done. Bob still feels that John should have set hours.

Ed Gorham made a motion to table the issue. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – 2 FOR – 1 AGAINST.**

Bob mentioned complaints about the Animal Control Officer. He will be given an oral reprimand which will be put in his file.

Bob asked John Crocker about the "Welcome to Randolph" signs in Town. They need to be replaced and should include the incorporation date. John will take care of this. Bob said that Joe Curato had offered to buy a new sign.

Bob Henderson reported on the **Comprehensive Plan**. There has been one meeting and the following dates are meetings which have been set: November 29, 2012, December 13, 2012, January 10, 2013 and January 19, 2013. The January 19th meeting is on a Saturday and is set for the purpose of getting public input. The plan will not have to be completely re-done but 4 things must be added to it to bring it up to date.

Peter Hanley expressed his disapproval of putting Ron Cunningham and Bill Ebert on the Fire Station Building Committee as they are not taxpayers in the Town. Bob explained that he felt the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief should be on the "advisory" committee. The Town Clerk will contact the parties involved. Bob Henderson will contact Mike Carrie to see if he is interested in serving on the committee.

Peter Hanley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m. There may be a meeting before that date and time if all the parties can be contacted with regard to the pumpstation.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk