

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Mark Roberts, Chair
Robert Henderson, Jr.
Matt Drost

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Gregory J. Lumbert, CEO
Glendon James
Mike Riley, DEP
Denise Behr, DEP
Doug Clark, Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Plant
Chuck Applebee & Dick Darling, Water Quality Compliance Services

Meeting commenced at 5:00 pm.

Mike Riley from DEP was at the meeting to discuss with the Board the Town of Randolph's Completion of a CSO Master Plan. This is currently overdue which results in non-compliance. Mr. Riley is attending a Non-compliance meeting by an enforcement group tomorrow and needed to touch base with the Board before attending this meeting.

He presented to the Board a report of CSO issues for discussion.

- 1) Is the town's acceptance of DEP grant funds for work that needs to be completed on this project in the amount of \$10,000.00 and requires no matching funds. Mark will do the paperwork to get this accomplished.
- 2) The master plan which is in non-compliance is moving forward after this meeting with certain agreements to be made which will eventually result in the Town being in compliance with DEP regulations.
- 3) There has been discussion in the past to hire the City of Gardiner to control and operate the Main Street (Water Street) pump station via a SCADA system. After discussion this was not thought to be the solution at this time.
- 4) The ability of the Gardiner system to accept flow from Randolph under Wet Weather conditions. The City of Gardiner can only accept a certain amount of flow from Randolph during CSO periods. There was also discussion about the Town of Randolph eventually putting in a storage or holding tank on this side of the river.
- 5) It is the consensus that a lot of Randolph's problems are infiltration from private mobile home parks and the uses of sump pumps and roof drains. Many years ago the Town sent

the plumbing inspector out to houses to inspect for this but the report was never followed up.

Chuck Applebee & Dick Darling from **Water Quality Compliance Services** were at the meeting as they were the contractors who worked on our CSO plan this past year. They explained that the infiltration issue needs to be addressed soon and they suggested working with the list of offenders that we already have and going out again and gaining entrance to all homes in the Town to check for violations. Chuck said that this was done in Wiscasset and only a few homeowners denied such access but none of them ended up going to court.

Mr. Riley said that you have to find the violators and permanent solutions to these problems and he suggested hiring college students in the summer to complete such a project.

There was discussion about adding fines to sewer bills for those who will not comply and also working something out with the owner of the two mobile home parks to monitor their contributions to the sewer system.

It was decided that the Board will work closely with the DEP and possibly hire Water Quality to help with some of the projects that need to be accomplished.

After much discussion Mr. Riley stated that he felt he could get the permit deadline to be extended to **April of 2019** to allow time for some rain event monitoring. He also gave the Board a chart of Community User Fees from 2017 which shows where different towns stand in the rates that they charge their users. Randolph appeared in the low to average in rates charged.

All left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Sonny James talked to the Board about a **sewer back-up** that happened this week on **Closson Street**. At first it was thought that it was in the Town's right of way which we would have been responsible for but it was discovered after digging that it was on the homeowner's lawn and therefore, his responsibility. Sonny is concerned about the policy for exactly where the Town's liability is and where the owner's liability is. Matt checked through the **Sewer Ordinance** and could not find anything specific to this. After discussion it was decided that this kind of issue needs to be addressed sometime soon and review of the current sewer ordinance should be reviewed. Matt suggested that the Board may want to schedule a few "**work sessions**" to work on some of the issues that they have not had time to do up until now. Next Tuesday is an abbreviated meeting and the following two Tuesdays are Christmas & New Year's.

Sonny left the meeting.

Matt Drost made a motion to accept **the minutes of the December 4, 2018** meeting. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Lynn told the Board that John Larouche will be at next week's meeting to discuss warrants that may be used to gain entrance into possible "**dangerous buildings**" in town if the owner will not give consent.

The Board signed the **payroll and accounts payable warrants**, Lynn's **request for vacation** and the **Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates** in conjunction with the December 14, 2018 billing.

Matt Drost made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. After the meeting will be the annual Christmas Dinner for the staff.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk