

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, December 29, 2020

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
Glendon James, Pumpstation Superintendent
Jessica L. Soucy, Deputy Town Clerk

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

Matt Drost made a motion to accept the **minutes of the December 22, 2020** meeting. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Matt Drost made a motion to pay \$510 for the Volunteer Firefighter Blanket Accident Insurance. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Greg Lumbert reported that there have been parking issues around town in violation of the winter parking ban. He will keep on top of this.

He also mentioned that there was a septic that had to be relocated on Nadia's Way.

The **Rausch** property has been significantly cleaned up by the buyer who has filled 3 dumpsters without touching the structure. Attorney Larouche said that he talked with the office of Greg Farris and they told him that there is a closing scheduled for this week. John asked them to inform him when the closing has taken place.

Greg told Art that he spoke to Danis about providing proof that the sewer line will be capped so that they remain aware of this request by the Town.

Lynn reported that she received an e-mail from a resident about people taking their dogs in the Cemetery and that they have been defecating on graves. This information will be passed along to Angie Ellis, Cemetery Sexton, so that she may check on signage in specific to no dogs being allowed. At this point, Art said that the cemetery is closed and chained up so there should be no trespassing by anyone. Angie will be informed so that she can check into this.

Sonny James informed the Board that there was **NO CSO** on Christmas Day during the heavy rain storm. There was discussion of a 1 way valve being put in.

Art said that the Town received several phone calls on Monday regarding a mobile home at 19 Fairview Avenue. There was water coming from this residence and pouring into the road. This was causing ice to form. Art got in touch with Gardiner Water District and they shut off the water as this was creating a hazard. This property is owned by an LLC but is apparently a rental. Art tried to get in touch at the residence and was unsuccessful.

John Larouche said that he is still working on getting Attorney Carillo to respond to the location of trees to be planted on the river bank in Randolph on Water Street. He will keep on top of this and report back to the Board.

Art Forand, Greg Lumbert and John Larouche all left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Sonny James discussed pump station issues with the Board. Stevens Electric was called in for issues with the pump and they changed the oil and will do so again in 6 months. This caused the blades to get bound up but they got them freed. Fibrous materials were tangled in the knives and there was a significant amount of grease.

There was not a CSO but there were 25 alarms saying that there was. Sonny has a technician from Sullivan coming to look at the pumpstation on Wednesday, December 30 at 8:00 p.m. to look and discuss installing Totalizer Meters so that the Town can get better data. Matt will be at the pumpstation to learn about the usage of these types of meters, the data they can produce and the cost.

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

Bob Henderson made a motion to rescind the motion to adjourn for an additional matter. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Bob wanted to talk about the Town of Randolph getting **license plates** for its residents. The Board discussed the logistics of this with Lynn who is the current BMV agent for the town and they asked Jessica Soucy to come into the meeting. Lynn said that moving up a level requires that we inform the BMV, possibly take training and making changes or updates with Trio. Mark asked about reasons in the past that we had not raised the level and provided plates. Lynn said that there was concern about storage of plates in that they had to be secured and she did not know how many the Town would be required to keep on hand. There could be also be changes in equipment and it would most likely result in an increased work load in the office. Jessica said that she did not think that we would be required to keep an unreasonable amount of plates in storage.

The Board asked Jessica her history with doing registrations at this level. She has done this at the City of Augusta and the Town of Pittston so she feels confident in taking this on for the Town. This will be discussed with Janet. Lynn will be retiring from the Town and a new agent will be named. Janet may want to take this agency but she could also let Jessica take it as she has experience. This will be discussed with Janet when she returns

from vacation and arrangements can be made for training and dealing with storage issues. All 3 Board members stated that they have been asked on multiple occasions by residents why the Town does not have plates. All Board members feel that this is a service that should be offered to residents of Randolph now more than ever. We have been able to send our residents to the City Hall in Gardiner to complete registrations that we are not able to and/or to get plates but since the City of Gardiner has closed all city buildings to the public for the time being, they may not wish to take on non-residents again. This means that our residents would have to go to Augusta to complete some transactions.

Bob Henderson made a motion for the Town to move into issuing license plates. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** There was not a specific timeline discussed but will be in the near future.

Also discussed was the fact that the City of Gardiner has completely closed all city buildings to the public and all transactions must be done online or through the mail. This is in anticipation of a possible Christmas surge of COVID-19. Lynn spoke with Farmingdale and they do not plan to close as of right now. This issue will be monitored closely.

Bob Henderson made a motion to hire the cleaning services recently brought in for an estimate. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Also discussed was purchasing fogger type cleaners that can be used in the office by staff and/or public works. Bob will look into the cost, where these might be purchased and if they can be used by non-professionals.

Bob Henderson made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk