

**TOWN OF RANDOLPH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, February 25, 2020**  
**5:00 p.m.**

***BOS PRESENT:***

**Mark Roberts, Chair**  
**Robert Henderson, Jr.**  
**Matt Drost**

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk**  
**Peter Coughlan, Planning Board**  
**Art Forand, Public Works**  
**Dan Nadeau, resident**  
**Greg Lumbert, CEO**

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

Matt Drost made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The Board signed an appointment for Nicholas Kimball to remain on the **Gardiner Ambulance Advisory** Board until June 30, 2020. They also signed appointments for the Board of Appeals as follows: Terry Wells, Richard West to remain on the Board until April 2025. These members will be contacted to sign oaths as soon as possible.

Art gave the Board a Standard Master Professional Services **Agreement** from **Ted Berry Company** for Mark Roberts to initial. The duration of this agreement is until December 31, 2020. This will be sent back to the company for their execution and a copy will be provided for our files.

Road repairs were discussed. There have been many complaints about the condition of Fairview Avenue and the Board members agreed that this road needs attention in the interim before the complete reconstruction project can be done. Several options were discussed such as using cold patch or digging down and using reclaim. Art said that State Paving has reclaim and he can get it from them. Once the problem areas are fixed, Art will have to keep an eye on the street as these solutions are temporary at best. One area (the first one on the street) will be fixed with cold patch but the rest will be done using reclaim.

Art said that he was contacted by EJP (Reggie Cooley) as they want to demonstrate to the Town a fix for manholes. They will do the one on Water Street as a demonstration.

Art also said that he has been checking the roads during any storms we have had to make sure the plowing is being done properly and in a timely fashion. He has not seen any issues lately. There have been a few complaints that he has received and he did check them out.

Matt said that Hoyle Tanner had sent a letter regarding 3 points. 1) **The flow data** (readings from the Pumpstation) which Matt will get to them, 2) The also asked for a response on whether or not the Town has interest in a **grant** opportunity (not for infrastructure) from DEP. We can do a larger grant process to allow HTA create a process to manage all of our sewer assets including pipes, manholes and pumping stations. It goes through the DEP and is a 50% matching grant on the town's part. It was discussed that HTA thinks they could get something like 40,000 so the cost to the town would be around \$20,000. In the next round we could go in for an infrastructure piece. 3) **Flow measurement amendment** for temporary flow meters for 3 months. The original estimate was \$15,000 but the amended at 2 locations is \$16,200. It could come out of Capital Improvement – Sewers which has approximately \$107,000 in it.

Matt Drost made a motion to sign the updated agreement with Hoyle Tanner & Associates for \$16,200. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Greg Lumbert and Pete Coughlan came into the meeting to discuss the application from Borrego Solar for a **solar farm** in Randolph. Matt asked the City of Oxford what they charge for a permit fee on something like this as they have one and they said they charged \$500 but some other municipalities and states charge up to \$1,000. There may be some discussion about getting some electricity from this.

Matt Drost made a motion to charge \$500 for a permitting fee from the Town on solar towns. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. There was discussion and motion was not voted on.

The previous motion was amended by Bob Henderson as follows: Bob Henderson made a motion to set the fee for solar farm projects to \$1,000.00. Matt seconded the motion for the amendment. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The approximate estimate of the project is between 5 and 6 million. Pete Coughlan is setting up a meeting/hearing with the Planning Board to meet with Borrego to present the facts and give information on Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. After this is accomplished they will go through the same procedure as Riverside Disposal to extend the commercial zone to accommodate the project and to go with a conditional use permit. There will have to be a special town meeting to allow a vote on changing the zoning. There was discussion about making sure we know what the inspection process is for the solar panels once they are installed.

Pete said it is up to the CEO what kind of permit they will need from the town but he strongly recommends that it be a conditional use permit. Extending the commercial zone but leaving a buffer for Belmont & McLaughlin Terrace will be kept in mind.

Lynn informed the Board that Deborah Pierce will be getting done at the end of April and the office will be looking for a replacement. Matt asked that the replacement process be discussed with the Board at the next meeting.

Next Tuesday is election day so next week's meeting will have to be moved and may possibly be on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

Matt Drost made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Next regular meeting may be on Thursday, March 5, 2020 tentatively. Meeting date and time will be posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk