

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Edward F. Gorham
Mark E. Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Art Forand, Public Works
Glendon “Sonny” James
Ron Cunningham, Fire Chief
Peter Coughlan

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

Bob Henderson was unable to be at the meeting. Mark Roberts served as Chair.

Ed Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Both board members signed the **Appointment of Elections Clerks** presented by the Town Clerk. This must be done every two years per Title 21-A Section 503, §1-8.

They also signed the **re-appointment of Terry Wells to the Board of Appeals** for the Town of Randolph for a 5- year term. Mr. Wells was contacted and agreed to serve another term. Mr. Wells will come into the office to be sworn in.

Road Opening Permit was discussed. Bob St. Pierre told Art that the Town does not have one but he provided a copy of one that Farmingdale enacted recently. He suggests that the Town of Randolph may want to adopt this as soon as possible. Mark wants to look at it and compare to other towns and if it is the right fit for the town it should be done before the gas companies start coming up the streets and digging. This will protect the town when streets, ditch lines or rights-of-way are disturbed.

Peter Coughlan and Mark will look over the proposed ordinance and see if it will work for the town. There was discussion about whether or not this would need to be put before the voters at a town meeting. Pete said that it may fit under the category of a traffic ordinance which only needs the passage by the Board.

Posting roads was discussed. Peter Coughlan said he had no idea where the comment came from about the State not posting the roads this year per the Governor. He said this is not true. Ed Gorham made a motion to post the roads in Randolph. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Roads in Randolph that will be posted are as follows: Kinderhook Street, Birmingham Road and Barber Road. Art will take care of this tomorrow morning. It also is not true that emergency vehicles are not allowed to pass. Oil delivery trucks etc., call and ask for letters allowing them to pass occasionally.

The sewer rodding machine was discussed. In order to be able to use this machine, some things are needed. They are: something to haul it with, a “sniffer”, tripod, pulley, winch, harness and personnel that are trained in first aid and CPR. Peter Coughlan stated that he did not think the Town should consider selling this machine. There also needs to be a written agreement with the fire department on response in case of an emergency. We also need a confined space entry program. Safety Works would be of assistance in getting

things done and updated correctly. Pete asked if the City of Gardiner had a sewer machine and Sonny said that they did and probably used it quite often.

A special town meeting was discussed. Peter Coughlan would like to get the acceptance of the updated **Comprehensive Plan** scheduled for a town meeting vote as soon as possible. There were only 3 people who attended the hearing on this. It was thought that this could be combined with the updating of the sewer ordinance. Attorney Larouche has the sewer ordinance for review and updating. Sonny James asked about making changes to the Comprehensive Plan. Peter explained that this was the purpose of the public hearing. Sonny said that there was something in it about that the extra pump for the main station could also fit in the substation but it will not. They will discuss this via e-mail and get the change made.

The Board will select a date for the special town meeting and make sure there is proper notification. The town clerk made a statement that June would not be a good month to try and do this because of the upcoming June election and absentee voting. This could be combined with other articles that need a special town meeting.

Art Forand brought up to the board the statutes relating to tree removals and rights-of-way. There is a **tree on the corner of Maple Street** that may be on private property. It was suggested that it be discussed with the landowner and the cost of removal be split two or three ways. The arborist for the State of Maine was contacted and he felt that it should be discussed with the landowner. It might be able to be split, with the landowner, the town and the State of Maine. Art suggested sending a letter to the homeowner but Peter said he felt a phone call would be a better way to contact them.

Art asked Pete about state rights-of-way if they were the same on all of Windsor Street but he said they might not be depending on where in the road they were located. Cornerstone has been asking Art. They told him they were going to try and stay away from the utilities.

Spring clean-up was discussed. Art wants to schedule the dates so that he can tell Dan Nadeau about it. Nadeau gave the Board a verbal of \$5000 more or less to do the clean-up. The number of permits sold each year was asked. After retrieving the list of the last 3 years, it was determined that an average of 73 per year have been sold and if that many are sold at \$30 per permit, that would be right around \$2200 and there is a balance of \$2900 in the account so that would cover the costs of hiring Nadeau. The clean up will be the week of May 12, 2014. Art will give this date to Nadeau for planning purposes. The cost of the permit will go up to \$30 and the extras will remain the same. Permits will be sold up until the Friday before the clean up starts.

Brush clean-up will not be done because there were no funds available from FEMA to help with that removal. Art suggested that he go around town and look for potentially dangerous trees and then talk with someone about removing these problem trees or limbs. Ron asked Art to check with him before making any calls and he will check into further possibilities for funding. There may be some local hazardous mitigation monies.

Art will use his dump truck at the rate of \$35.00 per hour when needed for projects in the town. Fixing potholes was discussed. He will be going to Sidney to pick up cold patch.

Art asked for a list of "emergency numbers" to be available at the Pump Station in case something happens and Sonny is not around. The Board agreed that this should be done as soon as possible.

Ron was asked if he had any issues or subjects to take up with the Board. A meeting of the Fire Station Committee will be set up soon. Mark is trying to contact all the members.

Janet came into the meeting to discuss the current sewer rates. The Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Plant fees to the Town have gone up. Currently we charge \$4.32 per 100 cubic feet of usage with an operation and maintenance fee of \$28.31. She suggested that something needs to be done now or with the June 2014 billing or there will not be enough money to pay the bill to Gardiner. The Board must make the decision to raise the rates to be able to pay the bill to Gardiner. Janet suggested that there be a public hearing held in conjunction with some of the other issues coming up to raise the rates.

The Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement Application paperwork was given to the Board by the treasurer. It was signed by the selectmen present.

Ron mentioned that there is a meeting of the **ambulance committee** in Gardiner this upcoming week and our representative(s) should be made aware of the meeting. Ben Carr is our representative.

Ron asked the Board to talk to the **CEO, Bob St.Pierre about inspecting businesses in town** due to the recent fire at Webb's. The owner of Webb's himself told the fire chief about cans of racing fuel that were stored in the building and capable of exploding and in fact, some of them did. Ron feels that this should have been known and would have been known if the business had been inspected by the CEO. Mark said he would talk to Bob about it.

Art brought up the **mowing contract**. He asked the Board if they had discussed this. He suggested that since Corliss' contract is up June 30th, he feels that we should put out a contract from July 1st to through November 30th and either put it out to bid or give it to Corliss and then the following year change the length of the contract to the "mowing season". The problem arises because the contract spans two budget seasons. Art suggested that the mowing season is usually May 15th through November 30th and that mowers like to plan for the mowing season.

There was discussion about whether or not **Corliss** is going to finish out his contract with the Town. He has not been paid the final payment at this point.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m. Next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, April 15, 2014** at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk