

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 7, 2020
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Mark Roberts, Chair
Robert Henderson
Matt Drost

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Greg Lumbert, CEO
Art Forand, Public Works
Peter Coughlan, Newsletter Editor

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

Matt Drost made a motion to accept the **minutes of June 16, 2020**. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the **minutes of June 23, 2020**. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the **minutes of June 30, 2020**. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

All three Board members signed two Certificates of Ownership for the purchase of Cemetery lots in the Maple Grove Annex.

The Board signed a new letter of intent for **MMA Health Insurance** to allow **Domestic Partners** with no cost to the Town. There is specific language that MMHT requires for this motion.

Matt Drost made a motion *that Effective, June 2, 2020, the Town of Randolph amends its personnel benefits policy to allow any employee who is eligible to enroll in the employer benefits with the option of enrolling a domestic partner. Any employee who wishes to add a domestic partner will be advised of the requirements set forth in the Domestic Partner Affidavit to add said partner. Furthermore, said employee has been advised there could be tax implications for adding a domestic partner. The Domestic Partner of an Employee shall be: A “Life” partner of either the same sex or opposite sex of the employee; not legally married or separated, to either the employee or anyone else; at least 18 years of age and mentally competent to consent to contract; are each other’s Domestic Partners and intend to remain so indefinitely; have been each other’s Domestic Partner for at least 12 months prior to the date of the signed Affidavit; are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit marriage in the State of Maine; are jointly responsible for each other’s common welfare; share financial*

obligations and share their primary residence. Mark Roberts seconded the motion.
VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Greg Lumbert presented several Code Enforcement and Plumbing Inspector matters to the Board. There was a long discussion about whether or not a permit was required for a deck that was not attached to the home. Mark believes that it does not require a permit but Greg feels that the ordinance is vague about this matter.

A person approached Greg who wants to sell lobsters from his truck. He originally wanted to put this truck in the RH Foster parking lot on the corner of Water and Windsor but there is already a food truck there. He did register his business with the Town and paid the \$10 fee. He has asked about putting his truck in the parking lot beside the McKenna residence on Water Street that is owned by the State of Maine but available for the Town as a public use via Governor's Deed. Pete Coughlan believes that this would not be allowed but he will research the issue. The Board sees that this could also be a dangerous area to put something like that with the traffic patterns.

Alice Young on School Street asked the CEO about putting an additional structure on her property and making it a living space. Greg feels that this cannot be done and the Board stated that it was his decision to make. There are also road frontage issues.

Greg is also in the process of checking the feasibility of issuing permits for the residence behind Randolph Take Out owned by the same party.

Joshua Gilmore the owner of 15 Stevens Avenue has requested a plumbing permit.

Jack Parkin is taking down a 14 x 23 deck and putting in a 4 x 7 deck with stairs. All felt that a permit may not be necessary but could be issued at a minimum charge. The Town does not require demolition permits but this may be something to consider putting in the Land Use Ordinance. There was also discussion of putting language in the LUO stating the purpose of building permit requirements.

Greg brought up the conditions at the Rausch residence on Windsor Street. There have been complaints of a rat infestation at this property which have been affecting the neighbors surrounding the home. Greg stated that it is now time for the Town to declare this a dangerous building. This will be discussed further when Greg has all the facts. He cannot enter the residence without permission which he has not been able to do. More evidence will be required in order to follow with this procedure.

The tree cutting issue at the Gloria White residence was discussed. The Board asked that Greg continue to work on the Notice of Violation and then conditions will be spelled out in a consent agreement. It was agreed by all that 16 trees will be required to be replanted. It may not be possible to get this done within a 30 day window but some of the conditions could be met such as getting a DEP approved arborist in there to look at the situation. Greg suggested that the Board meet with the parties again to get everything set out clearly.

Art Forand told the Board that the paving is now done on Clark Street, Barber Road and Birmingham Road. There is still some finish work on Clark Street with loom.

Lewis Avenue has had some reclaim put down to make the street smoother after a couple of complaints about the end of the road.

The project regarding the property owned by Sam Snow on Route 27 in Pittston is not going to go forward. The buyer is going to have a septic system installed rather than try to hook into the sewer system.

Art asked the Board to give him the priority of projects that need to be done ASAP. School Street was listed as top priority. Art is going to check with Dylan Coutts and Dan about making a plan for drainage work. Ditching will also be done on Lincoln Street.

Matt said that perhaps the Board Members and Art should drive around Town and look at the work that needs to be done and set out a schedule for the spring.

Peter Coughlan was at the meeting to confer with the Board about the newsletter he is preparing ahead of the Town Meeting. Even though the date for the meeting has been set for July 30, 2020, the location is still not. Matt will find this out ASAP and get back to Pete.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. Next week's meeting will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 due to election day on Tuesday the 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk