

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 30 2018

5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Mark E. Roberts
Robert Henderson
Matthew T. Drost

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Cobb, Resident
Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk

Meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Cobb was at the meeting to discuss the plan to **close the TC Hamlin School** by the School Board. He felt that the information being used by the School Board was not always honest. He also expressed that many people are upset and against the closing and the fact that they have not been allowed to speak at some of the meeting. He also stated that he felt there was not enough notice of some of the meetings and general consensus was that the decision has already been made. Matt said that the Board has always been open to input from the residents but that none have come to the Board meetings.

Mr. Cobb stressed to the Board that he felt there should be a public hearing to give the townspeople a voice in the process even if it does not change the outcome. The Board was agreeable and said they will try to set up a public hearing hopefully in the next week at the School building itself. Matt will find out if the Board can use the school for such a hearing. The Board was presented with an e-mail from Elissa Tracey of the TC Hamlin PTC stating some of the objections and issues with the closing of the school. David Cobb left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Matt will find out if they can use the school gym on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. directly after the regular BOS meeting.

Matt Drost made a **motion to appoint Stephanie Duncan** as the town's representative to the Gardiner Library Board of Trustees. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** She will replace Gail Coughlan and the term will expire in November of 2019.

A "draft" letter prepared by CEO Bob St.Pierre to be sent to the Randolph Takeout was given to the Board. They asked him to prepare such a letter as a warning about plowing snow into the town's right of way. Bob set up the letter to be signed by the Board members but had also expressed to the Town Clerk that he felt they might take a more friendly course and contact the owner in person before sending a warning letter. Mark contacted Greg Lumbert to see if he had spoken to them about this issue. He said that he has done that so the Board decided to hold the letter until and if it becomes necessary.

Plowing issues were discussed. There have been complaints about the **sidewalk** from Kinderhook to the IGA had not been cleared and when Ellis Construction was asked about this, they stated that their sidewalk plow could not get through because there were old poles left in the way when new ones were put in. Angie checked with the CMP and they were left there as cable and telephone wires were not moved. Bob also said that the sidewalk going up School Street had not been cleared. The Board reviewed the contract and it clearly states that the sidewalks will be cleared. The Board felt that the sidewalk on Water Street could be cleared using the plow and hand shoveled if necessary and that the sidewalk on **School Street** needed to be done. Angie Ellis will be asked to be at next week's meeting. Also discussed was the ice build-up problem coming from a driveway onto Barber Road. When contacted, the homeowner said there was a sump pump and they were told by the CEO that this should be re-directed to avoid any ice being put on the road in the Town's right of way.

A letter received from the **DEP/Michael Riley** was received and reviewed. After receiving the Town's **Updated CSO Updated Master Plan**, the DEP completed their review of the report with 14 comments. The Board, after a lengthy discussion of the points, is going to get in touch with Water Quality and Compliance Services for assistance with this as their contract was to see this through to the issuance of a permit which the Town does not have at this point. Mark will get in touch with them.

Bob Henderson made a **motion to accept the minutes** from the January 23, 2018 meeting. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The Board discussed with the Town Clerk having a **master list of all reports** and reporting dates for everyone employed by the Town so that they can be watched over and no deadlines missed.

All three Board members signed the accounts payable and payroll warrants and 3 quitclaim deeds releasing liens.

Matt Drost made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 6, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk