

**TOWN OF RANDOLPH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2014**  
**5:00 p.m.**

***BOS PRESENT:***

**Bob Henderson, Chair**  
**Edward F. Gorham**  
**Mark E. Roberts**

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk**  
**Art Forand, Public Works**  
**Glendon "Sonny" James, Sewer**  
**Janet M. Richards, Treasurer/Tax Collector**  
**Ron Cunningham, Fire Chief**  
**Everett "Sonny" Barry**  
**Ted Barry**  
**Phyllis Weeks, above 3 from EC Barry Co.**  
**Greg Lumbert, Police Chief**

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

Greg Lumbert was at the meeting in his capacity as the contractor for snow removal/plowing/sanding of the Town Properties.

Due to the extreme amount of snow and ice this year Greg would like to amend his snow removal contract with the Town to cover the cost of removing the snow at the pump stations on the Barber Road and the main pump station on Water/Elm Street at the rate of \$25.00 each per storm and \$50.00 per hour for when he needs to use his loader to remove snow for the Town.

Bob Henderson made a **motion to amend Greg's contract** to reflect these amounts. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Greg left the meeting and will return with the amendment for the Board to sign.

All three Board members signed the **Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates** in conjunction with the December 16<sup>th</sup> billing. They also signed **all payroll and accounts payable warrants**. Last week's warrants were signed only by one board member (Mark Roberts) and therefore, only payroll and payments to the State of Maine were able to be paid. Janet asked the Board to please make sure they come in and sign such warrants even on the weeks when there is no meeting.

Sonny Barry, Ted Barry and Phyllis Weeks were at the meeting to discuss issues with plowing the sidewalks in the Town. There are conflicts with the DOT plowing the sidewalks back in after they are cleaned. Someone from DOT was supposed to be at this meeting but did not show up. Bob asked Sonny when he cleans the sidewalks and if he waits until the State is done with their clean up. Sonny said he tries to wait until they are finished. Bob said he will contact the boss at the DOT and ask him to come to the next meeting.

**EC Barry's original snowplowing/sanding/and sweeping contracts** contained an error as to the expiration date. Expiration of the contract is May of 2014 but it was erroneously stated as May of 2013. The contract was amended to reflect the correct date, all three board members and Mr. Barry signed the correction and the amendment was notarized. This will be incorporated with the original contract on file. Mr. Barry will be put on the agenda for the next meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 21, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Art told the Board and Mr. Barry that he had been informed by Ted Barry about a problem on Harmony Lane of someone plowing the snow out into Maureen Avenue. This is illegal and Greg will be informed and go and look at the situation.

Ron had a discussion with a selectboard member from Farmingdale and they had the issue that DOT said they will notify the town plow contractor when they have made their last pass but they will be pushing it back as far as they can to clear their drains. Mark mentioned that this will have to be dealt with in the next contract.

Representatives from EC Barry left the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Greg Lumbert also left the meeting.

The **Randolph Fire Station Committee** is meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. at the town office. This will be posted and put on the website.

Janet Richards entered the meeting with some abatement requests and a quitclaim deed. The deed is on the two properties at 240 and 242 Water Street. They were paid off but it was after the maturity date so the deed is necessary. The board members signed the quitclaim deed.

Abatement Requests – There are 4 that the tax assessor has looked at and feels that abatements **should** be given.

There are 3 requests that he does **not feel should given**. The assessor wrote a memo explaining his decisions on each case.

**Time Warner** was billed twice so this should be abated. **Gloria Grant** – her homestead and veteran's exemptions were deleted in error. **Lawrence Cloutier** requested and should receive an abatement because his house was measured erroneously. The assessor went out and re-measured and agrees with Mr. Cloutier's request. This will take effect with his next tax bill. **Burnett** was being billed to the wrong person.

Bob Henderson **made a motion to grant these abatements** (Time Warner/Grant/Cloutier/Wheelock). Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

The tax assessor stated that the following ones should **NOT** be abated. Mac-Gray, Barbara Kaiser and Ryan Hall. Mr. Hall was not the record owner as of April 1<sup>st</sup> but it will be reassessed and he will see a savings in the next tax bill.

Bob Henderson made a **motion to deny the abatement requests** for Mac-Gray, Barbara Kaiser and Ryan Hall. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Janet said she will do letters to each of these accounts and explain the decision.

At 6:05 p.m. Janet Richards left the meeting.

The drainage issue on **Lincoln Street** was discussed. Art had gone up and then he and Bob Henderson went there to look over the situation. Bob told the owner that he should take out the drain and raise it up to help alleviate the problem because if the ditch fills up, the pipe will fill up also. Art said in the springtime he will go up there and clean that up to help.

Art asked if the Board had come up with a policy for the rights-of-way with respect to the sewer to make a change as to the limit of the town's responsibility in the sewer ordinance. Discussion was had about writing this up and working with the CEO and then sending it to the Planning Board for their approval.

Mark reported that the board had not gone to the Department of Labor about the pay rates yet but they will pursue this.

On November 11, 2013, Sonny was paid at time and one-half when Stevens Electric was here to service the station on the Barber Road. It was questioned by the Board as to why it was done on a holiday and that this

should not happen in the future. Two firefighters were out there with the fire truck to wash down the station. They were paid but at regular time and now wonder why they were not paid at a holiday rate.

Bob Henderson made a motion to pay the two firefighters at time and one half, paying them the difference in the next pay period. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

There was discussion **about FEMA** regarding the **ice storm**. Ron Cunningham has turned the paperwork in for reimbursement and the County must come in with \$450,000 worth of damages. Art understood that the only thing they would be paid would be for anything over 40 hours. Ron got a different story from someone else. Ron was told that he could not turn in manpower hours. Mark Roberts will make some calls, one to the head of Kennebec County Emergency Management, Richard Beausoliel, to find out what is the correct answer or higher if need be.

Art asked about the proposal from **Ted Berry Company** for services at the pump station and if the Board members had gone through it and made any changes or notations. They will all look this over and discuss it at the next meeting. Mark asked Art's gut feeling on the agreement. Art had a few questions regarding "dumping" and where they would be dumping. It must be an approved place. He does not want it to go back into our system. The agreement states that it will be done by Maine Statute. This will be gone over at the next meeting. Mark will talk with some people he knows about solid waste disposal and the laws.

Bob Henderson made a motion to **accept the minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting**. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Janet asked the board about the letter to Summit for reimbursement of the wages but she feels that someone who has more knowledge should compose the letter. Art Forand agreed with this. Mark will look at the list of money and asked Art to just write something up about the circumstances and Mark will compose the letter and the Board members will sign it.

Bob stated that anyone who works for the Town in a confined space should be held liable for doing things correctly and if Art and/or Sonny think that it is improperly done, they could shut the job down. Bob feels that the town should have a "sniffer". Sonny does not believe that we need it. Bob said that even before the manhole cover is popped that there should be a sniffer test. Sonny feels that if Ted Berry Company is going to be doing the work and they are certified, the town should not have to purchase this piece of equipment. Bob still feels that the town should have one. Mark said that we can look into the costs etc.

Art said his priority for next spring is ditching on Lincoln Street from low to high area. Bob also suggested that we do a culvert inventory at that time.

Bob Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Next meeting is Tuesday, **January 21, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk