

TOWN OF RANDOLPH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
5:00 p.m.

***BOS PRESENT:***

**Mark Roberts, Chair**  
**Bob Henderson**  
**Matthew Drost**

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Eugene Mooers POA for Robert Rausch**  
**Bob St. Pierre, CEO**  
**Pat Hinkley, Randolph Redemption Center**  
**Art Forand, Public Works**

Meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Mooers was at the meeting to discuss the property belonging to **Robert Rausch** on Windsor Street. Mr. Mooers is power of attorney for Mr. Rausch and wants to work with the Town on getting the property deemed as a dangerous building and possibly having it demolished.

There was discussion about the property being in bankruptcy which Mr. Mooers claimed it is not. The Town has not proceeded with foreclosure matters because of the bankruptcy. The tax collector/treasurer will be asked to check further into this. The Town has not been notified that the bankruptcy has been closed. Mr. Mooers stated that he feels that Mr. Rausch will not be returning to the home in the future but may in fact be going to assisted living.

The building is infested with rats and the back of it has fallen in. It will need to be exterminated. There was also discussion about the neighbor behind the property inquiring about buying the property. The Board stated that they would be agreeable to boarding up the property and posting “unsafe building” signs. Art will purchase the plywood and Mr. Mooers said that he is willing do the boarding up. Mr. Mooers wants to cooperate with the Town.

Bob St. Pierre reiterated much of what Mr. Mooers said – that the place is uninhabitable and may pose a danger if entered. He has taken pictures. Bob has sent an Order of Compliance in September giving two deadlines – one for 10 days and one for 30 days. Bob St. Pierre asked the Board for guidance at this point. It was decided that the Town will go ahead and board up the building and place “unsafe building” signs on the property and they will seek legal counsel.

Bob will go down and look at the property again and take some pictures. He believes that Modern Pest Control should be called by the Town to take care of the problems. The Board complied and asked that Bob keep track of the costs.

Eugene Mooers left the meeting at 5:26 p.m. He and Art Forand will be in touch about the purchase and delivery of the plywood. Mr. Mooers will get in touch with the neighbor who has expressed interest in purchasing the property.

Pat Hinkley was at the meeting to discuss **code violations** at his property, the Randolph Redemption Center. The next door neighbor has been complaining about what appears to be junk cars and car parts on the property. The neighbor has caused many problems for Pat and the Redemption Center and has in fact called the State on him. The CEO has pictures of cars in various stages and they show what appears to be leakage in close proximity to the Kennebec River. Mr. Hinkley said that he believes he is allowed to have a “hobby” on this lot and this is part of his hobby as he has race cars. Bob St.Pierre has given Mr. Hinkley numerous letters regarding cleaning up the articles of junk (cars and car parts) which appear to be in violation of our ordinances. There was also discussion of Mr. Hinkley burning pallets on his property. He felt that he was told by the CEO that he could NOT burn these and he uses them for heat. Mr. St.Pierre said that he did not tell Mr. Hinkley that he could not burn them but that DEP wouldn't allow burning because they had fireworks material attached to them and that was against DEP rules. Mr. Hinkley asked about the specifications for putting up a fence. The neighbor has supposedly moved the pins on the property.

Mr. St.Pierre and Mr. Hinkley disagreed on some points and Mr. St.Pierre will go down and do another check of the property. There are issues with tires on the property also. Bob and Pat will be in touch with each other to try and resolve some of the issues. Mark asked Bob to get the definition of “hobby” for them.

Mr. Hinkley and Mr. St.Pierre left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

A proposed letter from the Board to local funeral homes was drawn up by Angie Ellis, Cemetery Sexton. The Board reviewed the letter and found it to be satisfactory. This will be done up and sent to the funeral homes who use the Maple Grove Cemetery. This letter states a change in the way the Town will do burials. The Town will now charge \$600 for burials and \$250 for cremations. The Town will then assume payment to the contractor who digs the grave.

Matt made a motion to accept and use the letter. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

**Electricity rates** for the town were discussed. Matt has been checking for further options for delivery of electricity. He has talked with Electricity Maine and asked the Board for authority to negotiate rates to save the town money. The Board concurred. Matt will continue to negotiate and report to the Board. Maine Power Options is another one he has spoken with. This all came about because Electricity Maine sent a letter saying they were going to auto-renew the town and Matt asked that they not do that. He will consider all options for the best deal.

Bob Henderson told the Board that he stopped in at Maine Municipal Association Legal and asked about changing the parking options etc., by making amendments to the rules we currently have and maybe have a public hearing to let the residents know.

Peter Coughlan said that the Town has exclusive authority to make town streets with no parking. He will look at what is current and send something for the Board to possibly work with. They cannot set speed limits. Peter will write a summary and send it to the Board.

Art Forand talked to the Board about **water problems on Windsor Street**. They found an outside drop at the manhole with no explanation. Things have been taken care of and they installed a clean-out for Mr. Choate at his property address. Art left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Board signed the accounts payable and payroll warrants.

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

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk**