

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 9, 2014
5:00 P.M.

BOS PRESENT:

Mark E. Roberts
Robert Henderson, Jr.
Aaron Cosand

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Janet Richards, Treasurer
Art Forand, Public Works
Frank O'Hara, Planning Decisions, Inc.

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting. Aaron Cosand seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

All Board members signed the account payable and payroll warrants.

Mark reported that he had called and left a message with Brooke Johnstone about becoming the Animal Control Office for Randolph. He has not heard back from her yet.

Art spoke to the Board about checking on the condition of the roads in town with icing etc. He reported that Belmont and McLaughlin Terrace had not been touched so he called Angie Ellis and she was going to dispatch someone to take care of it. It was mentioned that in the contract it states that during an “icing event” all roads will be treated and not just the prioritized roads on the list. Art also stated that the project on McKenna Drive was put on hold due to the weather.

Bob Henderson said that he believed we should have Angie and Chris Ellis come to the next meeting just to have a discussion about how things are going as this is their first year plowing the town of Randolph.

The Town Clerk will contact Angie to set this up for the next meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Frank O'Hara from Planning Decisions, Inc. was at the meeting to address the Board about the possible merger of the Gardiner Water District with the Hallowell Water District. He presented them with a packet of information. This merger would have to go through the Legislature and then would have to be voted on by each town involved. This is in the early stages and he will keep the Town updated as the possibility of a merger goes forward. Mr. O'Hara left the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Sonny James was at the meeting per request of the Board as they had questions about the pump stations on the Barber Road. He explained how they work and their functions. The pump stations on the Barber Road handle much less sewage than the main pump station as there are less households on them. There are two stations with two pumps each in them. Station #3 is gravity fed and is a holding tank. This is then pumped into Station #2 which is at the top of the hill and then it is gravity fed through town to the main pump station on Water Street. There was some question as to the hourly readings of the pumps and why there were big differences in the readings. Sonny explained that some of the meters had been replaced. The Board asked Sonny if he will do readings of the hours for the next couple of months so that they can be sure that all pumps are working to capacity. There was concern because all 4 pumps are the same age. Sonny said that reports of maintenance from Stevens are recorded by them when there is work done and that the pumps alternate after coming out of the

holding tank to keep from excessive wear and tear on any one pump. There was discussion about having an extra pump. Sonny reiterated that the pumps are interchangeable in case of failure. Art said that he would like to purchase a new spare pump. He is looking into grants for this purpose.

Sonny told the Board that the cord for the main connection at the main pump station is too short and had to be cut when they were pumping it out. When they put it back in, the connection pulled apart and he was getting alarms. They came back and fixed it, they are saying that there should be a new plug in. Ted Berry could not pump it out because the way the pump station is constructed there needs to be an elbow to pump it to one side while it is being cleaned out. They said it was full of dirt and could be from infiltration or from the construction that took place down there near the pump station. A shut off valve was discussed, but this could cause a CSO. They will install the elbow and this should solve the problem. Sonny reminded the Board that he had asked to have a system put in for updating the alarm system and it was approximately going to be \$1600 by Stevens. He will get an estimate for fixing the electrical plug in issue.

Sonny asked if the Town had a contract with Ted Berry on maintaining the pump station. They were at the meeting in May and presented an agreement/contract. The Town Clerk stated that the agreement was taken from the meeting with some minor changes but was never returned to the office. Art had a copy of the agreement but it was not signed. This will be checked on before the next meeting. Sonny said that they call them to say when they will be coming and if Sonny will be available.

Sonny mentioned that he usually speaks with the Plumbing Inspector to check on all eating establishments in town to make sure they are using the proper way to dispose of their grease as this is one of the problems in the sewer systems.

Janet came into the meeting and asked the Board to sign the **Final Audit Report**. Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the final report. Aaron Cosand seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

There should be more discussion next week about investigating electricity rates to get the best deal for the town. We are with Electricity Maine at this point. This should probably be done before the next meter read dates.

It was discussed about money in wastewater that might be used to purchase an extra pump.

There is a reported crack in the wall in the inner office. The Board will look at it.

Also, roof is supposed to be started on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Mark reported that the architecture students from University of Maine came to look at the fire station site (approximately 32) and had a short meeting. One design will be chosen out of 8 and a monetary prize may be given to winner. The next meeting will be at UMA on December 18th.

Aaron Cosand made **a motion to adjourn** the meeting. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 16, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk