

**TOWN OF RANDOLPH**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m.**

***BOS PRESENT:***

**Edward F. Gorham, Chair**

**Peter K. Hanley**

**Bob Henderson**

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk**

**Ronald Cunningham, Randolph Fire Chief**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Ed Gorham signed the Dispatch Agreement with Lincoln County for the 2012-2013 year. There are no changes in the per capita amount of \$3.91 for a total of \$7,472. This will be sent back to Lincoln County for execution by them and we will receive a copy back with both signatures.

Ed Gorham discussed a request received by the town from **Kennebec County Council of Governments** regarding money that is available for specific areas in town. Information has to be submitted for these projects to be included in the **2014-15 Capital Work Plan**. The areas listed were: 1) Windsor/Water Street intersection with regard to the new convenience store proposed to be built on the corner and traffic concerns 2) possible expansion to the park and ride 3) Expansion of the sidewalk system in town, and 4) expanding Kennebec Explorer bus service to Windsor Heights.

There was some discussion by the Board regarding the **property at the end of the Bridge**. A survey was passed out at the town meeting last year for possible suggestions but nothing has been done.

Ed discussed possible budget meetings. Bob and Peter both said that they will be available whenever Ed would like to schedule some sessions.

Ron Cunningham was recognized by the Chair. Ron said that he had obtained a copy of the recording from the last meeting on March 27th and was confused by what had happened after he left the meeting. He asked the Board why John Crocker was asked for an opinion about the tires after Ron attended the last meeting and informed the Board about issues with Engine 52. Ron presented the Board at the last meeting with a list of the issues and the tire problems but now he asked why John Crocker told Mr. Hanley that they are okay even after Ron had professionals look at them. At that meeting Bob Henderson stated that keeping the truck on the road was putting the town at risk for liability but this was stated after Ron left the meeting. Ron told that Board that he had taken it off the road and that was why he had come to them at the last meeting for their direction.

Ron asked that it be part of the record that he has been coming to the Board for 8 years with problems and things that needed to be fixed at the Fire Station and they had been telling him to wait and now he feels he is being chastised for not fixing things. He said that he can put all the money they direct him to into the truck. He had the truck looked at by professionals and they said that the tires will not pass the next inspection and they will all have to be replaced. Bob Henderson stated that he felt that the budgets would be tight this year and that the townspeople would not go for a new fire truck. He asked if Ron had money in his budget to cover the repairs. Ron asked if they really wanted to put money in an old truck. Bob feels that the truck should be fixed. Ron gave the Board an estimate for the repairs from O'Connor Motors for having everything fixed. The total was \$3791.90. Ed stated after reading the estimate that he didn't feel the Town could say no to any of the repairs. Ron said if all the repairs are done the truck will be road worthy. The current inspection is good until July.

Bob Henderson made a motion to have the repairs done on Engine 52. Ed Gorham seconded the motion.  
**VOTE – 2 FOR – 1 AGAINST.**

Ron asked Selectmen Hanley why he voted against having the repairs done. He did not respond.

There was discussion about some missing money from the **Firefighter's Association**. These are not town funds but the matter was investigated, there was a confession obtained and the money will be repaid. This money is made from bottle drives, lawn sales & car washes.

Ron told the Board that he had obtained a copy of the recording from the last meeting and was concerned about the conversation regarding him as Chief after he had left the meeting.

He asked about why the siding was discussed as he believes this falls under Buildings & Lands as does the weed whacking. Ron said that the mowing etc. was the responsibility of the Public Works Department. Ron also said that he felt it was unfair that the town has a public works director who is on salary and should be performing these duties as the fire department does not have the equipment. Peter Hanley stated that he felt the fire department looked awful in the summer and Ron said that he felt that the public works director was being paid for the upkeep of the buildings and land and that the fire station was the only building that public works does not take care of.

Ron stated that he was told by Selectman Hanley the other day that he was being replaced because "he does not live in town". He said that while he was at the meeting this should have been discussed. Ed said that this will be discussed at a later date.

Ed asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ron Cunningham left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

**Discussion by the Board continued.** Ed stated that he had correspondence that on Thursday, April 19, 2012 @ 11:00 a.m. AE COM and ESM will begin work on fixing the issues at the pump station. Ed said that he will be around and Bob may possibly be there also. Sonny James will be informed so that he may be there.

Peter Hanley asked if Ron had obtained copies of the meetings that are recorded. The Town Clerk said that the recordings are public record and can be obtained by anyone and that Ron has routinely obtained copies of the recordings.

Janet Richards asked the Board to inform her of the rate Stephen Thurston would be re-hired. Ed and Bob both stated that he would be paid at the same rate of \$10.80 per hour.

Bob asked if Ron had checked on his accounts after leaving the meeting. Janet said that he has money in his account and money in the fire truck repair account.

Peter stated that finding volunteers was more difficult than it used to be and that the firefighters are paid volunteers.

Next meeting is Tuesday, **April 24, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk