

**TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

April 10, 2018

5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

**Mark Roberts, Chair
Robert Henderson, Jr
Matt Drost**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Sonny James, Interim Public Works
Ron Cunningham, Fire Chief
Art Forand, Public Works
John Larouche, Town Attorney**

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

John Larouche was at the meeting to discuss the recent letter from the Department of Education stating the amount that it would be to keep the TC Hamlin School open. The amount is \$452,497.02. The Board is going to set up a public meeting prior to the vote on May 15th to inform the residents of the options. The Town has not received anything in writing about the vote but were told via telephone call from the MSAD #11 office. John Larouche left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Art Forand spoke to the Board about the DOT project on 226 slated for this summer. The price has gone from \$47,200 to \$55,000 for the Town's part. Crooker has the contract but we do not have a start date yet.

The manhole at the bottom of Kinderhook Street which needs priority will have to have a letter drafted to the DOT stating that this has a catastrophic failure or we will not be allowed to dig up the road. The Board will do up a letter.

Art has asked 3 contractors about this job – McGee Construction, McNaughton and Coutts Bros., Inc. He has only received a verbal quote from Coutts for \$10,000.00.

Angie told Art and the Town Office that Ellis will be working with the DOT as they sweep the roadsides on Water and Windsor Street beginning at the end of this week but could not give a date when they will be doing the town sweeping. They will let us know.

Art also reported that the cemetery fence is fixed.

Art Forand submitted a letter of resignation from his position of Public Works Director effective April 30, 2018. There was discussion of certain flammable materials that Art has been keeping in his garage but will be returned with all keys, files and other items within the next two weeks.

Ron Cunningham is going to check with KL Jack about purchasing a storage locker for paint and other hazardous items and he might have room for it under his bench at the Fire Station.

There is a “hand truck” that is never used and there was discussion about where to store it or if we could sell it. It takes up a lot of space so Art moved it out of the Connex Box into his shed. It was used in the cemetery for moving stones. The vault in the cemetery is a possible storage place for this item.

Closson Street project was discussed. The thought by the Board that more test boring was needed may affect McGee construction’s ability to do the job. Art feels that more test boring would be a waste of money. It was felt that the mil and fill would not be a good way to go after the previous testing. Art is going to get the name of a company that does only the grinding. It was decided that 4 more test pits will be marked out and done.

On **Monday**, there was an incident on **Central Street**. Bob St. Pierre gave required permits to Alan Pooler for a lot on Central Street. He had asked him to start the project on Wednesday when Bob would be in his office but Sam Snow the contractor started the job to hook into the sewer as there was supposed to be a stub there and there was not. Bob St. Pierre was contacted as the town’s plumbing inspector and came to the site to see what was going on and things were worked out. It was asked if this was classified as a “non-conforming” lot in the past.

Sonny had a list of “**issues**” that Angie Ellis gave him about areas in town where manholes were in the way and some trimming of trees and brush need to be done. Sonny will look at the brush to see what needs to be done.

There was discussion about plow damage and when it will be fixed. All cul-de-sacs will need repair.

Ron presented the Board with some more estimates for repairs to the fire department. There was an estimate for and epoxy fill but it was felt that having Lajoie do the floor completely, taking out sections and fixing them was the best way to go. The estimate for this was \$9680.00. Ron will be in contact with Lajoie and also Mike Sirois to see if he knows what is under the existing floor for previous electrical work. He will also get quotes for siding, 2 doors and one window. Since the fire station is in the “TIF” zone, TIF funds may be used. It was felt that getting the floor done was a priority and should be done ASAP. The Board asked that Ron take pictures of the floor work as it is being done.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the bid from Lajoie Bros. to do the floor. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Ron also mentioned that the back corner of the station has issues and may just need some gravel fill and something placed there as a splash block, such as a piece of granite.

Ron Cunningham and Art Forand left the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the **minutes of the April 3, 2018**. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**

The Board said that spring clean-up will be done by Dan Nadeau and they reviewed the permits and info sheet for accuracy and/or changes. Sonny will be contacting Dan Nadeau to coordinate the dates.

Sonny James told the Board that he will continue to work as interim Public Works and that Ron Cunningham will help out when he can.

The mowing contract with “**A Cut Above**” (Kevin Ashline) for the mowing of the town properties and the cemeteries for the next year was signed by all three board members. Kevin will be contacted to come in and sign and then be given a copy of said contract.

Advertising for a replacement for Public Works Director was discussed. Sonny would like to help out with the requirements for the job and Lynn will bring job descriptions to the next meeting from MMA.

Matt Drost made a motion to accept the resignation of Arthur Forand as Public Works Director effective April 30, 2018. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**.

Janet gave the Board the **State Valuation** to sign. The ratio 106.51 so we will go or stay with 100%. She will be calculating how the increase in taxes if the school vote is in favor of keeping the school open. It will raise the mil rate significantly.

Bob Henderson made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**. Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk