

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, August 7, 2012
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Robert Henderson, Chair
Edward F. Gorham
Peter K. Hanley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk

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

Sonny Barry who was on the agenda could not attend the meeting. He will be on the next agenda regarding a contract especially with the use of more salt and less sand.

Correspondence was reviewed. An e-mail from Tina & George Carpentier regarding work done on their property was read by Bob. It was felt that the lack of grass growing in this area was no longer the responsibility of the Town. Bob said that he had done work on their property to help them out but they did not do the upkeep.

John Crocker is going to draft a letter to **USDA** regarding the leftover funds and perhaps being able to use these for the project on Meadowview. He will draft the letter and run it by the Board.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the **minutes** of the July 31, 2012 meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – 2 for.**

Peter Hanley stated that he felt that the vote to repay the \$32,000 to the revolving loan fund done at the last meeting (he was not present) was not the way it was meant to be.

Bob said that Bob Davis stated that he felt the money should be paid back but this will be discussed in more detail later in this meeting with the Budget Committee and the Randolph Revolving Loan Fund.

Bob Henderson did some research on the history of the Revolving Loan Fund:

10/30/96 - \$84,000.00 from General Fund and \$50,000 from the Fund and did not pay it back
1999 – Sewer Rodding Machine - \$15,000.00 from Fund and \$15,000.00 for General Fund
7/31/02 - \$25,000.00 from Fund for new fire truck
2004 - \$20,000.00 for Kinderhook Street project to be paid back over three years with no interest.

Money was taken both ways – borrowed and paid back and took money without paying it back

The Budget Committee has told the townspeople that this money will be taken from the Fund and not paid back.

Bob Henderson stated that they could do a new motion reversing the motion & vote made at the 7/31/02 meeting to pay the amount back. It was felt that the article and the vote was under the assumption that the money was not going to be paid back.

Peter Hanley made a motion to not pay back the money to the Revolving Loan Fund. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **Ed Gorham abstained from voting. Vote passed 2 to 1.**

Bob asked John Crocker if he had talked to **Brian Fish** regarding the **job opening** in Public Works. John explained that he had talked with Brian and told him that with circumstances they may not be much work available. Mr. Fish asked what the rate of pay would be when and if he works. John feels that \$10 per hour would be appropriate. Bob said that he didn't feel there was much money to use him. John said for

the rest of the season he felt that he would okay and not have to use him at this point. Bob feels that it may be better to use him after the new budgeting year. Ed and Pete both agreed that he could be used on an "as needed" basis at the rate of \$10 per hour.

Bob gave John a new form for maintenance of the public works vehicles to be used starting next week and turned in with him time sheets.

Robert Rausch entered the meeting and discussed a payment arrangement with the town on his taxes and wastewater accounts. He is paying \$50 per month at the moment but will start paying \$100 per month in September. The Board thanked Mr. Rausch for coming to them and his efforts to get current.

Peter Hanley made a motion to accept Mr. Rausch's offer to make continuing payments. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Mr. Rausch left the meeting to meet with the tax collector to set up payments.

Bob stated that he would like to have both Pete and Ed at the rest of the meeting with the Budget Committee and Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Peter said he will not be at the meeting. Ed will try to make it back.

Next **regular** meeting will be **Tuesday, August 21, 2012 @ 5:00.** The Board may meet on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 for the purpose of setting the mil rate.

Article 13 was discussed. The townspeople voted to go with the \$285,000. The Board re-worked the numbers and they were able to include the health insurance and stayed within the \$285,000.00

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

Meeting adjourned **at 5:30** and will reconvene at 6:30 with the Budget Committee and the Revolving Loan Fund.

Meeting resumed at 6:30 with Bob Henderson, Ed Gorham, members of the Budget Committee and the Randolph Revolving Loan Fund to clear up whether or not the \$32,000.00 voted for at Town Meeting is to be paid back by the Town.

Bob Davis who administers the Randolph Revolving Loan Fund spoke. He explained that the Loan Fund came about from a grant from the State. The town gives loans to residents from this fund and they pay back the loan in principal and interest. Bob said that there is a \$100,000 account in The Bank of Maine and the town treasurer writes checks to pay the workmen. The town earns money at the rate of 4% from the payback. The Town has taken money out several times for long term investments, one being the purchase of the land that the town office sits on and when the town bought a sewer rodding machine. The decision about the land being purchased on Kinderhook Street (\$32,000) will lower the amount due to lend.

Marge Gilman asked Bob if he had talked with Peter Hanley and Mr. Hanley said that the conversation resulted in taking the money without paying it back. This was the understanding that the Budget Committee had. Bob said that this was not the case that he would have discussed the options for paying the money back to the Fund. Bob said he would like to see the Town pay the money back. It was asked if there was any language stating the original conditions of the fund.

As of right now, there is \$94,153.00 before the purchase of the property. There is also outstanding \$94,441.46.

Ed Gorham said that the Selectmen voted the previous week to pay the money back but that the Board has changed their position and agreed not to pay the money back.

It was discussed with Bob Davis his feelings about the balance of the fund. He is concerned that with this money being taken out and not repaid that there will not be enough money in the fund. Mike Carrie asked if the money will be replenished. Bob Davis said that it will eventually be built back up. Bob feels that if they wish to take it to Town Meeting again and re-address the issue of re-payment they could do that.

Debra King Johnson who is a member of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee suggested making a policy for a minimum or limit that can be in the loan fund.

Bob Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

Next meeting will possibly be Tuesday, August 14 for the purpose of setting the mil rate.
Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 21, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk