

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 23, 2014
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Robert Henderson, Jr.
Edward F. Gorham
Mark E. Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Arthur Forand, Public Works
Janet Richards, Tax Collector/Treasurer

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Mark Roberts stated that on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 he will be coming to the meeting late but will be here.

Janet Richards gave the Board two **quitclaim deeds** to sign. These are on wastewater liens that have been paid off. All three Board members signed the deeds, they were witnessed and notarized and will be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

She said that she has gotten a phone call regarding the Constanty property. The owner received an eviction notice from the Varneys. Constanty told Janet that her cousin may be buying the property but this will be addressed at the next BOS meeting.

She also reported that Pat Dow from Bill VanTuinen's office (our assessors) came into the office to deal with the abatement requests that the town had received. He wrote a letter to the Board with his recommendations:

- 1) **Lovely** – needs to show proof that it is located in Resource Protection so abatement will not be granted at this time
- 2) **Walton** – category was changed and evaluation lowered by \$19,000 which resulted in a deduction in the tax bill of \$333.45
- 3) **Kaler** – no adjustment was recommended. Pat actually talked with Mr Kaler and did a walkthrough with him.
- 4) **Drummond** – no adjustment recommended.
- 5) **Crocker** – no adjustment recommended
- 6) **Mathews** – Pat talked with Code Enforcement and he said this is indeed a buildable lot so no abatement recommended.

All the abatement requestors will receive a letter explaining the findings signed by the Tax Collector.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the **assessor's recommendations**. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Mark Roberts reported that he has signed a contract with the surveyors (Morin Properties) for the survey of the Kinderhook Street property. At the next meeting paperwork should be in and will be signed.

Mark asked for a copy of the current mowing contract **with Kevin Ashline for mowing of the cemeteries and town properties**. He has spoken with Mr. Ashline about signing another contract for the upcoming year. Mr. Ashline said he would like to renew the contract with a 5% increase. This would be roughly \$600 more and Mark said that we would possibly be adding a few areas to the contract so he felt this was fair. Going to a multiple year contract was discussed but it was felt that staying with the one-year contract at this time was the best way to go. Mark took a copy of the existing contract and will work on crafting a new one. It was the consensus of the Board that he was doing an excellent job and we should negotiate with him.

Art has talked with Mr. Ashline. He was interested in filling some of the depressions in the cemetery and he could do this for \$25 per hour. Bob Henderson asked Art if he could do them and this might save some money. Bob asked how many needed to be done and Art will find out and they will compare the cost. Art will talk to Mr. Ashline and get back to the Board.

A request for adjustment of the wastewater bill from the Randolph Methodist Church was brought to the Board. Someone broke into the church and turned on the faucets resulting in a wastewater bill of \$411 when it normally runs around \$60. After discussion **Ed Gorham made a motion** to give the Church **an adjustment of \$350** on this bill this one time due to the circumstances. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**.

Bob Henderson made a motion to commit to **Fowler Roofing** for the replacement of the Town Office roof. They will have to come in and sign a contract and show proof of insurance. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**. They will be contacted to come to the next meeting.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the **minutes** from the September 16, 2014 meeting. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**.

Bob read a letter that the CEO sent to Gary Frost on Lincoln Street regarding complaints about junk around the home. Bob St.Pierre went and talked with Mr. Frost. He has been given 30 days to take care of this issue.

Mark Roberts made a motion to raise building permit and **other permit fees** as suggested by the Code Enforcement Officer using the same fees charged by the Town of Farmingdale. Ed Gorham seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS**.

They will be as follows:

Building Permits – Residential \$20 plus \$.05 per sq. ft./Commercial \$50 plus \$0.14 per sq. ft.

Construction started without a permit – Fee will be doubled/Plumbing Fee will also be doubled. Shoreland Zoning Permit Fee will be \$50. Building Permit Occupancy CEO Inspection will be \$10.00. Flood Hazard Permit /fee will be \$50 – with review fee of /450.

Art discussed the projects he has been working on. B & S Paving should be in town to do patching on Thursday. Art asked if there should be a cut-back. Bob said no cut-back. Bob said if there was no undermine, there does not need to be a cut-back.

There was a sewer emergency on Stevens Avenue on Wednesday. It was a sump pump problem that had caused water in the basement. It was inside the foundation so it is not the responsibility of the Town. Barricades were discussed for areas that are dug out and not paved in until the next day. Bob said that the town should get some Type 2 barricades.

Bob asked about Lincoln Street and Art said he does not believe that Dan has been back to finish. He has not heard from him but he will talk to him. Dan has a commitment with Coutts Bros., Inc. so he is busy. If Danny cannot finish the job they might be able to get Crockett to finish it up. Bob stressed that this needs to get done as soon as possible.

Mark told Art he will have Kevin Ashline talk to him about the added areas for mowing that he will be responsible for.

It was discussed that Marge Gilman had complained about vibrations she could feel in her house from the compacting the construction company is doing on the hardware store. Art explained that this is on private property and there is basically nothing that can be done unless they are violating town ordinances, which is not the case.

The tree on Maple Street was brought to Bob's attention again. It is NOT in the town's right of way. It is on private property. Bob St.Pierre researched a statute that said if it caused eminent danger, the town could have it taken down and bill the homeowner. Art says that he has not heard from CMP on the tree on Clark Street with the woodpecker issue.

Bob asked about the security system from Seacoast Security. Janet will call them again tomorrow.

Bob asked about the ADA doors and the progress on that. The Town Clerk reported that she is just waiting for the electrician to schedule the installation and wiring with the glass company. All parts and pieces are in for the push buttons but the electrical has to be done first.

Ed Gorham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 30, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk