

TOWN OF RANDOLPH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
5:00 p.m.

***BOS PRESENT:***

**Mark E. Roberts**  
**Robert Henderson, Jr.**  
**Matthew T. Drost**

***OTHERS PRESENT:***

**Lynn Mealey, Town Clerk**  
**Janet Richards, Tax Collector/Treasurer**  
**Art Forand, Public Works**

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of January 5, 2016. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

All Board members signed the account payable and payroll warrants.

Art was at the meeting to update the Board on tree removal at **6 Second Street**. This is a dead tree that was determined to be in the Town's right of way. Art obtained three quotes for removal. The quotes were as follows: Brownie's Landscaping \$2800, McKenney \$1800 and Capital Area Tree Service (formerly Hickey) \$1650.00. Capital Area Tree Service also provided proof of insurance. Art said that for \$1,000 more, Capital Area Tree Service would take down the dead tree on Windsor Street near Maple Street. This has been determined in the past not to be in the Town's right of way and attempts were made to contact the owner of the building there about taking it down. It is dead and has many branches that Art feels could pose a problem. We would have to have permission to cut it down. There will be a determination of the ownership before anything is done.

He also mentioned tree limbs on the side of the road on Belmont near Charlie Brown's house that might need to be cleaned up. There are limbs in the right of way. Art felt that maybe they could be cut down and put through a chipper.

Mark Roberts made a motion to accept the quote from Capital Area Tree Service for \$1650 for the tree on 6 Second Street. Bob Henderson seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.** Art said that they indicated they could do the tree on Second Street next week.

There was also a problem on Tuesday morning after the storm on Kinderhook Street at the parking lot of Randolph Take Out. There was water that had frozen up and covered part of the street in ice. Art talked with the owner of the Take Out and they looked at it. It was coming out of a crack in the pavement. Art called Ellis and they put salt on the ice and Art and Danny broke up the ice. He called the Water District and they said that it was not their problem but it seems to be coming from the shut-off which appears to be wet. The Water District states that it is not their problem but Art feels that it is. He will keep an eye on it and follow up with the Superintendent of the Water District at some point.

There was also a repeat of the icing problem on South Maple. There is a sump pump that goes into the land there and still comes down and causes icing. This was supposedly all taken care of with the recent project there. Art asked if the Town had the power to ask these people to tie into the stub to alleviate this issue. Art believes that it may be an issue with the paving that was done at the end of the project by Levi Paving. They will keep an eye on it. Art and Danny broke up the ice for now.

Art left the meeting at 5:23 pm.

Matt Drost updated the Board on his recent attendance at the **Small Community Forum**. The next meeting is February 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Roadside clearing** was discussed. Rick Drew is someone that may be considered to do all the towns but he indicated that he may not be interested in taking that on.

**Hatch Hill** was discussed. Matt had asked to look at the Town's contract with them. It was discovered that the last "contract" was dated 1989. This will be researched. The Town pays a yearly fee to them but residents still have to buy a permit to go there. Janet has called Hatch Hill to get a copy of our contract but has yet to receive it.

**"Adopt a Highway"** was also discussed at this forum. This may be something to look into further.

Code Enforcement was discussed briefly. Also tax collection was a topic. **Tax clubs** were discussed with respect to the Trio software system. Some towns allow a discount (2%) if taxes are paid early but this would have to be "funded".

Personal property and how to pursue this was another topic of discussion. They will talk about this with Janet as tax collector. There are people in town who have not paid their personal property tax for years. This does not follow the same procedure as real estate taxes.

Bob Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Drost seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk