

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, September 4, 2018
5:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Mark Roberts, Chair
Bob Henderson, Jr.
Matt Drost

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Gregory J. Lumbert
Sonny James, Public Works
Seth McGee, McGee Construction

At 5:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

Seth McGee from McGee Construction was at the meeting per request of Sonny James to clarify and discuss his proposal for the Closson Street Project and the scope of work regarding manholes in various locations. He had given the Board a quote for \$13,867.00 but after making it clear what the Town expects, he asked for the opportunity to do a new quote to be more specific with respect to the total of 20 manholes that need attention. Also brought to Mr. McGee's attention was the curbing on Closson which has to be moved. He was clear on this. Mr. McGee will do a new quote and give to Sonny James as the Board wants to see this work done as soon as possible this fall. Mr. McGee said that this is possible and he left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Peter Coughlan was at the meeting to talk more about the possible replacement of street lights with LED fixtures to save the town money on the rate charged by CMP for the 110 lights in the Town. He has been to some meetings with a company who has written up a proposal for doing this. Pete believes that the rate or costs of this may be less if multiple towns do it at the same time. There is also some thought that we may be able to get rid of some street lights and bring the total number down. Peter is going to try and set up a meeting with this company and the other interested towns and he will get back to the Board on this. There is a cost to the removal/change of the lights which may be upwards of \$85,000 and the Town would either have to have a special town meeting to appropriate funds or look into financing. Peter said that Electricity Maine may have grants for something like this but for now, he will set up a meeting so that the Board can get more information. Peter Coughlan left the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Bob Henderson said that he had talked with Tammy Pierce who is the liason for the Town from CMP and that she told him that CMP would like to have a chance to propose changing out the fixtures for LED lights. Bob will contact her about this.

Sonny told the Board that he had been contacted by a Robert Pierson from Lewis Avenue about the culvert at the end of his driveway. Apparently, it has been humped up for several years now. He was told a couple of years ago that this would be added to the “to do” list for the Public Works but has never been addressed. After discussion about the lack of a culvert policy it was decided that the Town will fix or replace the culvert. Sonny will make arrangements.

Sonny reported that this week he reported a CMP light being out at the corner of Meadowview and Belmont. He also is going to be going out the marking the catch basins before the snowplowing season and he has some brush to cut around town that has gotten in the way of the snowplowing etc. At 5:50 p.m. Sonny James left the meeting.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting. Matt Drost seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Mark mentioned for the record, the recent information from Gardiner Water District regarding a rate increase beginning on January 1, 2019 which will raise the quarterly amount from \$19,896 to \$20,631.

Greg was at the meeting to discuss with the Board some of the actions he has taken as the new CEO. Building permit applications for 21 and 25 Kinderhook Street properties have been received and he will be issuing them. He is also going to keep an eye on the new construction to make sure all setback requirements are met. He has spoken again with property owners on Jones Street. They have removed 2 cars and are in the process of getting a dumpster. They also told Greg that they are planning on tearing the empty building down themselves. He has noticed some progress on the unregistered cars on Windsor Street at the O’Sullivan residence. He is also keeping on top of items to be removed at the Montell residence on Central Street. The owner had asked for extra time to remove some items but Greg told him that he needed to get it done. It was noted that the Town has \$25,000 in the dangerous buildings account to handle matters. Greg has several things that he is working on and a list but does not want to get too far ahead in the process.

There was discussion about a property that was built at 99 Belmont Avenue. The former CEO issued a building permit but it would appear that the setbacks were not met and in the process of selling this house, this was discovered. Ernie Martin suggested writing a letter to them stating that this may be the town’s error and the Town of Randolph does not wish to do anything about the error. Greg suggested that the Board research this further to see if they figure out how this happened. The setbacks in the back of the property appear to be off. The Board will wait to do this letter until more information is gathered.

Greg let the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Mark Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Drost seconded the motion. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Two public hearings will be held at the start of this meeting i.e. a liquor license renewal hearing at 5:00 p.m. for Sun Sun Restaurant and a public hearing at 5:15 to adopt new General Assistance appendices for October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Regular business will begin directly after these two hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk