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Town of Randolph
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – March 28, 2016

Members Present: Michele Cormier, John Turner, Lauren Bradley and Linda Dupont

Guests: Chief Alan Lowe, Roberta Arbree, Jim Hunt, Kevin Rousseau, John Scarinza

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed and signed.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

Chief Alan Lowe reported no incidents within the Town of Randolph during 2016 to date. He will come before the board on a monthly basis to update the selectmen on any incidents occurring in town.

Roberta Arbree and Jim Hunt requested to link the “Friends of the Presidential Rail Trail” web site to the Town of Randolph web site. Roberta stated the site promotes the trail and its uses by area individuals, hiking, biking and enjoying the North Woods. There are other groups linked to the town’s site such as The Randolph Town Forest, Randolph Foundation and the Randolph Mountain Club. Jim stated the Conservation Commission plans to issue a statement regarding the use of the Rail Trail and conserving the area within Randolph. John Turner stated the town should remain neutral regarding the Rail Trail as it is state owned property and the town has no voice. Jim presented the board with a print out of the web site and encouraged all to go on line to view it. The board agreed to look into the site and then make their decision.

Roberta Arbree spoke to the board regarding a piece of property Daniel Clarke wishes to donate to the town. This property consists of 1 acre of land and is located adjacent to town owned property at Ravine House Pool and Durand Lake. The Conservation Commission wishes to hold a Public meeting on April 21st at 7 PM, to accept the property on behalf of the town. The Randolph Foundation is willing to cover the filing and lawyer fees up to \$ 2000.00. John Scarinza suggested that Daniel Clarke contact a professional appraiser for his own benefit and tax purposes. The IRS will only accept appraisals by a professional appraiser and the town’s assessment of the property would not be considered. Linda reminded Jim Hunt, the Board of Appeals has slated the third Thursday of the month as a tentative meeting night and he should confirm with the chair if they have a meeting scheduled.

Roberta has requested confirmation of a calculation to find the tax impact per resident when removing properties within the town from the tax rolls and into conservation. The calculation Roberta presented was accurate in establishing the impact to the tax rate.

Linda has not written an RFP for the security cameras as of yet. She would like to check with nearby towns and acquire names of the companies they had placed cameras in their areas. We should ensure the correct companies that deal with Municipalities are being pursued. John Scarinza stated he would contact Gorham and Lancaster to find out the names and contacts of the companies they deal with. Michele noted we should set up in stages to document the effectiveness of the cameras.

Linda has contacted Randy Perkins of Eversource to determine how many street lights the town is paying for, how many the state is paying for and if the state has plans to remove any of the street lights. Also, Linda inquired about replacing the bulbs with LEDs.

Linda assured the board that the Groundskeeper bid meeting was scheduled for March 29th and several landscapers have contacted the town. Steve Hartman and Linda will be present for the presentation and walk through. Michele asked if Lauren would be available to meet with them as well.

John Scarinza asked about hiring a secretary for the Planning Board to take minutes at their monthly meetings. He suggested a person he had spoken to. Michele noted that she had spoken to several people also. This would need to be a posted position and determined by the board. Several boards and committees have inquired about obtaining someone to take the minutes. Linda reminded all present that the boards, commission and committees are public bodies and need to adhere to the Right to Know RSA 91-A:1. They need to post their meetings and minutes of their meetings according to the RSA. Right To Know classes are held annually within the local area at no cost and members should attend to be aware of the laws.

Lauren updated the board of her findings regarding the bridge at the West End of Durand Road. Kevin reminded Lauren that it is a state bridge and that end of Durand Road was declared a Class 6 Road in 2002. If we do anything to the bridge the town would own it. Lauren will be reviewing the files on the bridge and road.

Kevin felt that it would not be necessary to pursue Traffic Control training for road work as they will not be needed this summer. The state planned road work on US Route 2 is on the Jefferson line and State Troopers would be used for that purpose.

Kevin noted he was monitoring a wet spot on High Acres Road near the underground spring found last summer. Kevin also wanted the board to be aware of a resident who passed him while plowing during icy conditions on Randolph Hill Road. This was a very careless maneuver due to road conditions and if the plow jerked off the curbing the driver would not have made it home that evening. Michele Cormier will place a reminder in the June Mountain View to drive with caution during icy conditions and not to pass the plow unless directed by the driver.

The board received the 2016 Ambulance contract from the Town of Gorham. After reviewing the contract, John Turner made a motion to sign the 2016 Ambulance Contract with the Town of Gorham. Lauren Bradley seconded the motion. All agreed and signed the contract.

The board reviewed and approved:

Demolition Permit D03-16	Rubinstein	remove shed attached to garage
Building Permit 03-16	Rubinstein	re-roof and re-shingle garage

Linda presented a 2014 Abatement that was reassessed in 2015 by the town assessor, but not abated. The board approved and signed the request.

Linda presented a 2015 Abatement request to revisit and assess the property this Spring/Summer. The board recommended the abatement to be given to the Town's assessor to contact the property owner for an appointment.

Lauren mentioned to the board that the sink in the kitchen needs attention. The right sink is leaking into a bucket under the sink to the point of overflowing. John Turner noted the men's room needed attention as well.

John Turner made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Lauren Bradley seconded. All agreed.

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Chairman

John Turner

Lauren Bradley

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen