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Town of Randolph
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 12, 2016

Members Present: Lauren Bradley, John Turner and Linda Dupont

Guests: Bill Arnold, Auvie Kenison, Steve Hartman and Kevin Rousseau

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the August 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed and signed.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

Town residents have expressed concerns regarding the winter closing of the Ravine House Pool. Some feel the need to close the pool, while others would like to enjoy it as much as possible. As in past years the scheduling of the closure is in late September being watchful of any heavy storms that may pass through. John Scarinza has agreed to be the contractor in charge of the future opening and closing of the pool site. John has helped Bill Arnold in the past and is familiar with the procedures involved.

Steve Hartman voiced concerns over the beaver population growing in the Durand Lake area. With low water down river the beaver are migrating to deeper waters. Lauren Bradley stated that she would look into the Town's position on the problem and remind all that the Durand Lake area is considered a wildlife sanctuary.

Bill Arnold expressed his concerns regarding the Polaris ATV Festival being held at the end of September in Berlin. He asked if the town has considered how to handle the overflow of ATV's. Mainly his concerns were with traffic, camping in available areas and the possibility of ATVs in the Town Forest. The board stated that Berlin and Gorham would be affected more than Randolph and had not considered it to be an issue. Bill suggested placing signs in areas where ATV's may use as a pull off, such as, parts of Valley Road, Trail head parking, and scenic pull offs. The board agreed, to let Bill post these signs, but noted if a property owner wishes to rent space on their property for this event, the town had no jurisdiction.

Auvie Kenison expressed concerns that brush cutting along the town's roads is not being done quickly and efficiently. Brush is growing faster than can be managed and saplings are quickly growing close to the 4 inch diameter where a chain saw would be needed. Kevin Rousseau reminded Mr. Kenison that the position of Road Agent is a part-time position in the Town of Randolph, roadside brush cutting has begun on Valley

Road and the Town signs have been cleared. John Turner suggested that Kevin drive through the town and prioritize the road side brush cutting and set up a schedule accordingly. Lauren Bradley suggested sitting down with Auvie Kenison to get his input and ideas on how this scheduling could be accomplished. Due to the East End of Durand Road being closed, Kevin was unable to schedule culvert replacements on Durand Road and this is now scheduled for the week of September 19th.

Lauren Bradley brought to the board's attention that due to inconsistent meetings, canceling meetings and meetings not being held on the scheduled meeting date, the minute taker hired for this purpose has been unable to attend the Conservation Commission meetings. The minute taker has expressed not taking minutes for the Conservation Commission if this continues. John Turner strongly suggested writing a letter to the chair of the Conservation Commission to see if they could maintain a regular scheduled meeting date.

Kevin Rousseau requested the Town to send a letter to a resident on Durand Road who has consistently left brush and lawn debris within the road. It is the homeowner's responsibility to dispose of yard debris and not leave it in the road. Linda will write a letter from the town regarding this issue. Kevin stated the small town truck is in need of a gas tank. He was aware of this in June and received a price quote around \$ 3,200.00 for parts, since then he has been looking to see if he could get these parts at a lessor rate, but has not been able to. This quote is for parts only and Kevin and Chuck will do the labor. John Turner made a motion to have Kevin purchase the parts and replace the fuel tank. Lauren seconded. All agreed.

The town received a letter from Richard Mitchell, the son-in-law of Stephen and Julia Rounds, requesting the town take over the maintenance of Grassy Lane. The rounds have maintained Grassy Lane and due to their age, find it difficult to continue. This was discussed at the July 11th meeting of the board and determined this was a public way and not owned by the town, nor is maintained by the town. The board reviewed the term public way and ownership. Kevin Rousseau stated, if the fall leaves were removed, the spring runoff should flow freely. Lauren Bradley and John Turner discussed having Kevin assess the situation and determine maintenance. Kevin suggested having John Scarinza look at the situation and possibly using excavating bucket to relieve the problem. John Turner made a motion to have Kevin contact John Scarinza. Lauren Bradley seconded. All agreed.

John Turner made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Lauren Bradley seconded the motion. All Agreed.

Randolph Board of Selectmen

excused
Michele Cormier, Chairman

John Turner

Lauren Bradley

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen