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Town of Randolph
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 9, 2017

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

Guests: Kevin Rousseau, John Scarinza

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the December 20, 2016 meeting were reviewed and signed.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

The board reviewed scheduled dates and deadlines leading up to Town Meeting.

Departments to have 2017 budgets to Michele Cormier by January 20th

Public hearing to review the 2017 Budget is scheduled for Monday, February 13th

Town Meeting is scheduled for March 14th

John Scarinza came before the board to review his research and findings on the security cameras in town.

One of the original companies approached last January has drawn up a proposal to provide the town with 5 Cameras located at Randolph Hill Road, Raycrest Drive, Valley Road, and both ends of Durand Road. The cameras will have license plate recognition capability. The company will contract an electrician and provide a backup system, they will provide all equipment, and obtain permits required from Fairpoint.

The quote is just under the \$ 30,000.00 appropriation voted at the 2016 Town Meeting. Due to funds not being expensed in 2016, the funds automatically fall into the unassigned fund balance and will need to be brought before the March Town Meeting to request the appropriation from the unassigned fund balance to be expended in 2017.

Kevin Rousseau stated; he has filled the sand & salt shed and will be placing an order for more salt. Kevin will include in his 2017 budget the replacement of 7 – 9 culverts on Durand Road.

While not in the regular budget, it is going to be necessary to replace the two large box culverts located at the east end of Durand Road and the bridge crossing Moose River on the west end of Durand Road located before 683 Durand Road. It is the selectmen's plan to replace the box culverts is 2017 and the bridge in 2018. The cost for the two projects would be approximately \$ 219,518.00 over the two years.

It was noted a pot hole forming at the end of Puggy Huddle road. Kevin will be monitoring the area this spring to determine why this is happening.

Selectman Steve Ellis of Pittsburg has sent out letters to all towns in the North Country regarding HB 145 – *An ACT requiring approval for siting high voltage transmission lines. This bill prohibits high voltage transmission lines from being located in any municipality without a vote of approval of a majority of the voters present and voting on the question at an annual town meeting or a special town meeting called for such purpose.* The board will be monitoring this issue for further developments.

A property owner in Jefferson has approached the Forest Commission regarding property located in Jefferson contiguous to the existing Randolph Town Forest located in Jefferson. This includes two lots, one consisting of 50 acres and another 80 acres. This will add to the 1228 acres of Town Forest located in Jefferson. John Scarinza stated that the Conservation Commission will be discussing the purchase with funds donated by an anonymous donor and come before the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting.

A letter has been sent to GoSolar regarding the placement of advertising signs within Randolph. The letter stated the signs would need to be removed immediately. As of today there are still signs in Randolph. Michele Cormier will contact the owners of GoSolar regarding the removal of the signs.

John Turner moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Lauren Bradley seconded. All agreed.

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Chairman

John Turner

Lauren Bradley

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen