

Town of Randolph

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – November 12, 2018

Members Present: Lauren Bradley, Michele Cormier
Gary Newfield, Roberta Arbree, Bill Arnold, Kevin Rousseau, Linda Dupont

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

The minutes of October 22, 2018 were approved and assigned.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

Gary Newfield came before the board to voice his concerns over the opening of the Rail Trail through Randolph during the August ATV Festival in Berlin. He had heard that Representative Edith Tucker had been approached for permission to do so and Rep. Tucker denied permission.

Gary went on to say that he had written to Chris Gamache of NH Trails Bureau requesting what the policies and procedures would be in such an instance. Mr. Gamache could not say as he had not been approached regarding the matter.

Roberta Arbree pointed out that this issue had been addressed in the town’s Master Plan by the Planning Board. She also presented a list of reasons why ATV use should not be allowed in Randolph. The list was drafted by the Friends of the Presidential Rail Trail and brought to the Randolph Planning Board. The board stated that the lists had some very good points highlighted.

Gary asked what the town could do; we have newly elected state officials coming into office who are not aware of Randolph’s concerns. Michele Cormier stated she will draft a letter to the elected officials making them aware of Randolph’s concerns and remind them of the Town Meeting vote in 2014 regarding ATV use within the borders of Randolph.

Roberta Arbree voiced concerns over a piece of property on the west end of Durand Road. This property has recently changed hands and the new owners are clearing the lot. It is an undersized lot with the Israel River flowing through it, at this time the only structure on the lot is a garage. She wanted to point out to the board that due to town regulations, this may not be a buildable lot. The new owners have not come to the town requesting any permit at this time.

Kevin Rousseau informed the board that the roadside mowing will not be done this year. The first contractor had medical issues and the second contractor is experiencing mechanical issues. This will be addressed next year.

Potholes are forming on some of the gravel roads, with the extreme temperatures Kevin had concerns of the frost and the storms that have been forecast to hit the area. Lauren Bradley informed everyone that the frost is down 2 inches at this point. There is also a hole forming in the middle of Durand Road. Kevin again had concerns whether a cold patch would adhere in the cold temperatures we are experiencing at this time.

Kevin stated that as of December 31st Chuck Lowe will not be working for the town and the need to consider bringing on a part time per diem employee to help Kevin during the heavy storms would need to be addressed. Steve Emerson helped out last year under the contractor John Scarinza and Steve is willing to come on the town’s payroll as an employee. Steve will be invited to attend the selectmen’s meeting on November 26, 2018.

Dennis Thompson has trimmed the area within the right of way by the west end culvert replacement over the Moose River. He will be delivering the culvert and placing it there for the winter so the work can be done in the spring.

The culverts on Boothman Lane have been covered over and filled for the winter. Replacement culverts have been ordered and delivered to the shop area and will be ready to install next spring.

Bill Arnold came before the board asking if they would like him to continue plowing the trail head area at the end of Randolph Hill Road. Bill had plowed this area last year and it worked out well. The board agreed to have Bill Arnold perform this task at the same rate charge as last year.

Michele Cormier made a motion to deposit \$105,000.00 in funds as voted at the March 16, 2017 Town Meeting into accounts as follows:

- \$ 20,000.00 – Highway Heavy Vehicle Capital Reserve
- \$ 65,000.00 – Town Roads & Bridges Expendable Trust
- \$ 10,000.00 – Fire Equipment & Protection
- \$ 5,000.00 – Expendable Trust for Town Buildings
- \$ 5,000.00 – Expendable Trust for Town Recreational Facilities

Lauren Bradley seconded. All agreed.

Michele Cormier made a motion to request the Trustees of the Trust Funds to reimburse the Town \$149,684.78 from the following funds:

\$117,675.00 Town Roads & Bridges Expendable Trust Fund
2 large Box Culverts at the easterly end of Durand Road.

\$4,510.00 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust
For the purchase of Fire equipment

\$27,499.78 Town Buildings Expandable Trust
For the remaining balance of the Emergency Generator purchase and installation

Lauren Bradley seconded the motion. All agreed.

Michele Cormier motioned to adjourn at 8:31 PM. All agreed.

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Co-Chairman

John Turner, Selectmen

Lauren Bradley, Co-Chairman

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen