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Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – October 8, 2018

Members Present: John Turner, Lauren Bradley, Michele Cormier
Burk York, York Surveyors LLC, Randy Folsom, Philip Guiser
Kevin Rousseau & Linda Dupont

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

John moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting as written, Lauren seconded and all agreed.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

Philip Guiser representing the Randolph Foundation came to the board regarding a bill the Randolph Foundation received and paid for the purchase and installation of the rope rail fencing along the Ravine House Dam. When reviewing expenditures at the recent meeting of the Randolph Foundation, members questioned this expense. Selectman Lauren Bradley reminded Phil of the many talks and emails between herself and Phil regarding this. Going forward the Select board and Randolph Foundation members will be more communicative with their joint endeavors.

Phil Guiser has spoken with Jeff Parker in regards to a patch of overgrown blueberry bushes on the south side of Durand Lake. Jeff suggested a controlled burn of that area while the snow is on the ground and to request the help of the Forest Service. The board agreed.

Burk York reviewed with the board the survey he was contracted to perform for the reconstruction of Durand Road. After checking with NH DOT, District 1 in Lancaster and digging into the state archives in Concord, it was determined, the Durand Road right of way is 4 rods wide which translates into 66 feet. Using the 4 rod method puts several homes and garages within the right of way. Some documents show the row to be 3 roads wide which would create a safer narrow road with a 20 foot finished surface equaling a 2 lane road. Burk further explained that the State of NH owns the East End access road to Durand Road and three fourths of the West End access road. The Broadacres driveway on the east end of Durand Road was put in place by the Town of Randolph as a turnaround for the town’s snow plow in the 60’s when the town assumed Durand Road as a town road. The town will look into its record to see if any further information can be found.

Burk York is meeting with the engineer Erin Darrow on Wednesday October 10th to walk Durand Road and discuss the options.

Michele Cormier stated she is hoping to have more information on the reconstruction, in order to inform residents prior to the March Town Meeting with plans, figures and available funding. If possible it may be needed to postpone the reconstruction from 2019 to 2020.

Michele suggested returning the west end of Durand Road to gravel from the bridge replacement over Moose River to the end of Durand Road. Lauren Bradley voiced concerns of the water flow coming from the north hill side and the flow of the Moose River. Dennis Thompson has not begun the replacement of the large culvert on the west end of Durand Road as of yet. Linda did call him and voiced the concerns of the board as directed at the last board meeting.

The board received a letter from Representative Edith Tucker with several suggestions of placing parking areas for the five trails off Durand Road and the Ravine House Pool site that may be considered in the planning of the reconstruction of Durand Road.

The town received a response from K Lee to a letter sent to him regarding his request to not perform roadside mowing or snow removal on his property. The town has a responsibility to residents and vehicles driving on the roads and within intersections in town to remove all safety hazards.

Michele Cormier informed the board of the wonderful maps David DeGruttola of Landvest developed for the Town Forest. There are 5 maps and is hoping to have them mounted and hung in the meeting room.

The Town is required to update the “Randolph Hazard Mitigation Plan” prior to May 2019. A grant has been acquired to cover \$6999.99 of the cost. June Garneau from Mapping and Planning Solutions has been contracted to help update the plan. With the help of at least 8 residents, selectmen, highway department personnel, fire department volunteers, board members and emergency services, we can cover the town’s portion as a soft match. Residents and emergency personnel’s input are vital to any emergency situation. Michele will contact June and reach out to residents to see if they would like to participate with this project. Tentative dates scheduled are October 18, November 28, December 19, January 16, February 20 and March 20. The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM and run about two hours long each night.

Lauren and Linda have been working with the webmaster in designing the town’s new website.

There is an Emergency Response course scheduled in November at Androscoggin Valley Hospital. This course will take about three hours to complete. Michele Cormier volunteered to attend on behalf of Randolph.

Michele Cormier motioned to adjourn at 8:55 PM. All agreed.

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Co-Chairman

John Turner, Selectmen

Lauren Bradley, Co-Chairman

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen