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Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – November 9, 2020

Members Present: Michele Cormier, John Turner, Lauren Bradley
John Scarinza, Kevin Rousseau, Linda Dupont
Edie Tucker, State Representative, District 5

The meeting began at 7:00 PM
Vouchers were reviewed and signed.
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

Michele Cormier made a motion to request the Trustees of the Trust Funds to reimburse the town \$347,362.25 from the following funds:

- \$314,176.81 from the Town Roads & Bridges Expendable Trust Funds for
 - \$14,104.22 Mitigation of roads washed out from July storm
 - \$133,201.00 Randolph Hill Road Drainage covers and top coat
 - \$166,871.59 Replace West End Bridge due to failure
- \$17,500.00 from Town Recreation facilities Expendable Trust Fund
 - ½ of Ravine House Pool Dredging
- \$8,541.45 from Town Buildings Expendable Trust
 - Cost of insulation of Cross Meeting Room
- \$7,143.99 from Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund
 - Cost of Turn out Gear and hoses.

Lauren Bradley seconded the motion. All agreed.

Linda Dupont contacted Jamie Dow, Municipal Accounts Advisor, NH DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) in regards to the State of NH setting the town’s 2020 tax rate. Jamie informed Linda the Local Education apportionment had been sent to the NH DOE (Department of Education) today and is waiting for approval.

Linda Dupont presented a PA-8 (Report of Timber Cut) from Alan Bishop. Linda noted the tax of the cut was in the amount of \$1.14 and it would be up to the Board of Selectmen to forgo the issuing a warrant to collect such a small amount. After discussion, Lauren Bradley motioned to forgo the \$1.14 Timber Tax. John Turner seconded. All agreed.

Lauren Bradley moved to give Christopher Cross authorization to contact the town's attorney on behalf of the town in pursuing information regarding the contract between the Town and Time Warner Cable (aka Warner Communications, aka Spectrum). Michele Cormier seconded. All agreed.

The board reviewed options for holding the upcoming Town Meeting. It was determined that NHMA (New Hampshire Municipal Association) has developed some strong guidelines for holding Town Meeting.

It was determined the Town Hall would continue to be open in the Phase II status due to the COVID pandemic. The Library has chosen not to open to the public, but will continue to provide curbside service upon request. The groups will choose whether to meet with restrictions and adhere to the guidelines in place.

Kevin Rousseau has spoken with Steve Emerson and Steve has agreed to maintain the access entrance and walking areas around the town hall during the upcoming snow season. He will use the town's snowblower unless it fails or is not adequate to do the job. It has been budgeted to purchase a new snowblower, if needed, in 2020.

Lauren Bradley noted that Deputy Fire Chief Bill Arnold requested the parking bay at the Municipal Building where the school bus is parked needs to be swept out weekly.

Kevin Rousseau noted that Dennis Tupick has now placed ledge pack in the temporary driveway on the south side onto Durand Road. A letter was sent to him stating his temporary driveway is no longer temporary and requested he submit a driveway permit application. As of today, the permit has not been submitted. John Scarinza noted the fence on the south side of Durand Road is in violation of the right of way as stated in the town's Land Use Ordinance. A letter was sent to Mr. Tupick regarding this action as well, with no response. Michele Cormier stated a clearer letter shall be sent to Mr. Tupick requesting he adhere to the town's Land Use Ordinance with a determined date that needs to be met.

It was noted that Mr. Tupick has also not responded to a request to define the areas of his property that is in current use and is not in current use. This action was brought forward due to the NH DRA Property Division performing an audit of the town's properties in current use this past summer, and noticing the addition storage on the property. The auditor also noted there was no determined map being on file. A letter was sent to Mr. Tupick. Linda Dupont stated the town has no recourse to force Mr. Tupick to adhere to the request. Michele Cormier, John Scarinza and John Turner felt this was incorrect information and John Turner would contact Phil Bodwell, DRA Property Division to discuss the town's recourse.

Kevin Rousseau has met with and discussed the ditching of Randolph Hill Road with an 18-inch compacted gravel shoulder with Lee Corrigan. Mr. Corrigan will be submitting a quote for the job. Linda Dupont stated the town did receive an updated insurance binder from Mr. Corrigan.

Edie Tucker came before the board requesting permission to act on behalf of the town in regard to seek information as to upcoming projected paving of US Route 2 by NH DOT and how it is paved. The board is in agreement to have Edie Tucker act in the town's interest regarding the paving and how it is paved. The main concern would be to reduce the noise coming from US Route 2 from trucks and motorcycles. This noise has escalated over the last months, possibly due to Eversource cutting and clearing trees from the powerlines removing a natural noise barrier. (Communications between Representative Tucker and NH DOT Assistant Commissioner Cass has been attached to these minutes).

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Co-Chairman

John Turner, Selectmen

Lauren Bradley, Co-Chairman

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen