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Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – June 14, 2021

Members Present: Michele Cormier, John Turner, Lauren Bradley
Kevin Rousseau, Linda Dupont
John Scarinza

The meeting began at 7:00 PM

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved previously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

John Scarinza reviewed the condition of the Ravine House Pool Dam. When inserting the boards to start to fill the pool, three holes were discovered and he chose to delay the filling of the pool until the holes and the dam can be repaired. Previously John Scarinza spoke to Phil Bedard of Couture Construction in reviewing solutions to the problem. It was suggested to use a benzanite (expanding clay mixed with sand), they have use this with great success and had a supply on hand. Michele Cormier motioned to try this solution. Lauren Bradley seconded. All agreed. Bathrooms are all set to be opened when pool is filled, there are tennis court materials stored in the Men’s room and will need to be removed. John Scarinza stated the leaks in the Ladies room have been repaired. Ravine House Pool should be opened by July 1st.

John Scarinza stated the dredging of the pool last fall showed that the leaves falling from the trees migrate to the deepest section, filling that area quickly. If the boards were pulled prior to the leaves falling the leaves would flow away from the pool area alleviating the problem.

The Town received a request from Gary Newfield, Chairman, Conservation Commission recommending the re-appointment of Walter Graff and Gary Newfield to the Conservation Commission for a 3-year term. Lauren Bradley moved to re-appoint Walter Graff and Gary Newfield to the Conservation Commission for the 3-year term. John Turner seconded. All agreed.

The Board reviewed and approved:
Demolition Permit – Randall Noring to remove a decaying shed.
Building Permit – Judith Hibbs on Valley Road to place a manufactured house where the 70 ft trailer sat.

The Board reviewed and denied:

Building Permit Keith & Celina Moon Free Standing Solar Array.

The permit was denied due to Land Use Ordinance 4.03: “The Board of Adjustment may authorize any one of the following additional uses by means of a Special Exception. Uses authorized by Special Exception shall remain in effect unless the activity for which such use was authorized shall have been abandoned. For purposes of this Section, abandonment shall be deemed to have taken place after a period of five (5) years during which there has been no exercise of such activity.”

N. Free-standing solar energy systems when accessory and for on-site use.

The denial will be referred to the Board of Adjustment per the Land Use Ordinance.

The board reviewed the concerns addressed in a letter from Harriet Phinney describing a near miss incident while making a left hand turn off US Route 2 onto Randolph Hill Road. The hazardous conditions when turning left onto a roadway from US Route 2 still exists and has not been addressed by NH DOT. At a suggestion from John Scarinza, Harriet Phinney wrote to District 1, District Engineer Philip Beaulieu. It was suggested to inform the Selectmen and Representative Edith Tucker and other Representatives in the area. The board will send a letter as well, attaching Harriet Phinney’s letter in hopes to bring new attention to these issues.

Dwight Bradley wrote a letter requesting the Board of Selectmen support of the RMC receiving a grant to replace bog bridges on the Diagonal in summer of 2022 and to clear trails. The board reviewed and signed the letter of support of this project.

EMD Lauren Bradley stated that the Governor has lifted the State of Emergency Orders and most of the residents of Randolph have been fully vaccinated. The adjusted Town Hall guidelines would be:

“Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear mask on town property”

“Chairs must remain at 3 feet apart”

“Tables will be cleaned after use” (cleaning materials provided)

Linda will update up the signs posted in the town hall.

After reviewing the Engineering Bids submitted, to continue the Engineering to reconstruct Durand Road. The board choose the Simple Plan.

Michele Cormier motioned to go with the Simple Plan as purposed by CMA Engineers of Manchester, NH. John Turner seconded. All agreed.

The state provided computer utilized by the Town Clerk is in need of a stronger firewall. The town’s IT Rich Mattos has spoken with the state IT and has determined the cost would be \$1000 for the hardware plus the installation. The board approved to go forward.

As discussed at the Town Meeting, John Scarinza stated the Fire Department wants their portable radio returned for the new members of the Fire Department use. A portable radio for the Randolph Police Department would costs \$3392.00, at the same time the Fire Department would like to order 5 backup batteries for the existing Fire Department Radios at a cost of \$120.00 each. A request would need to be drawn up on the Town Letterhead in order to utilize the State rate.

John Scarinza brought to the board's attention; there is an ordinance for cutting trees along streams and waterways as voted and approved in the town's Land Use Ordinance. The board approved the cutting of three trees, but was not aware of the 25-foot buffer rule. Although you can remove dead and dying trees, the 25-foot buffer rule needs to be enforced.

Lauren Bradley inquired as to an Intent to Cut on Durand Road property formerly owned by Christopher Hawkins. Noting there is much activity going on in the area. They are part of the American Tree Farm and there is no Intent to Cut on file.

Michele Cormier inquired to the Planning Board minutes regarding a sub-division of 8 house lots. Mainly the questions pertained to the proposal of the access road and if it would meet the town's specs to road standards. John Scarinza explained the property owner would need to hire an engineer to oversee the building of the road to ensure it meets the town's standards.

In moving forward, the board proceeded to address the forming of a committee to investigate the need for a town police presence in Randolph. This board would need to:

- Make a study of the need to have a police department
- How large of a force would be needed?
- How much of an investment would the town need to support a police department?

John Scarinza stated it should be a five (5) member committee. To consider what other resources would be available to the town if the town had no local police department. State Police, and mutual aid with other communities, where a couple of answers.

Michele Cormier noted that residents should have a resolution to be presented at the 2023 Town Meeting.

Broadacres is looking to place a portion of their property into a Conservation Easement to be overseen by the Forest Commission. David Willcox has informed John Scarinza that the Trust for Public Lands would need a letter from the town of Randolph supporting Broadacres going through the LChip process and continuing to keep the land for public access. This would permanently protect the east end of Randolph, including all waterways and trails within the 100+ acres in question.

The board had questions, as there were no hard copies be presented and the need of this happening by June 25th deadline. John Scarinza will email the document from the Trust for Public Lands that needs to be signed for the board to review.

Moving forward, John Scarinza spoke on behalf of his brother Jeff Scarinza. He was adamant regarding the Selectmen's office sending copies of assessment cards to the NH DES to correct inaccuracies on the Septic Plan approved by NH DES. John Scarinza came before the board and strongly presented a case on behalf of Jeff Scarinza, according to Title L of Water Management and Protection, the town cannot determine the number of bedrooms in a home. Therefore, the number of bedrooms could not be determined by the town or the town's assessor as to how many bedrooms are in a home. If there is no bed in the room, therefore, it is not considered a bedroom by the homeowner. Linda stated some of the septic designers constantly

place the wrong address or Map and Lot number on the application, making it difficult to re-search septic information for homeowners. The attempt is, to catch these errors prior to filing with the NH DES. The board stated a letter to be written stating the homeowner's version of the number of bedrooms.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Co-Chairman

John Turner, Selectmen

Lauren Bradley, Co-Chairman

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen