

Approved

Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – July 26, 2021

Members Present: Michele Cormier, John Turner, Lauren Bradley
Chief Dana Horne, Doug Grant, John Scarinza
Kevin Rousseau, Linda Dupont

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:

Fire Chief Dana Horne came to the meeting to discuss with the board about signing the emergency personnel of the fire department up for a 6 – 12-month subscription to tone the volunteers through their cell phones. The Randolph Fire Department has been utilizing this on a test trial period and it seems to be working well. The Town of Gorham has been using this system very successfully.

Because it is a subscription program the town can back out at any time without recourse or penalty. Randolph has eleven (11) volunteers at this time, all but one (1) is receiving notices successfully. This subscription allows any volunteer to monitor the condition of the emergency when unable to be at the site and enables the volunteers to receive text messages of meetings or updates.

Chief Horn discussed the annual Mutual Aid Agreement for the board and Chief to review and sign. Chief Horn reviewed the agreement with contact updates and it was signed.

The board reviewed building permits from:

- 19-21 Jen & Fred DeMarco 8 ft addition to house
- 18-21 Randall Noring Free Standing Solar Array (approved by the BOA)
- 17-21 Adian Wiggin 10 x 20 deck
- 16-21 Doug Mayer 8 x 20 deck
- 11-21 Keith & Celina Moon Free Standing Solar Array (approved by the BOA)

Michele Cormier reviewed the report from Bill Arnold after inspecting the water well and pumping system at the Town Hall. Bill recommended to reset and rewire the water pump and place all wiring in conduit at an estimated cost of \$1500.00.

Questions were brought up to place an additional water spigot in the rear of the building for convenience and the necessity as to why the pump needs to be rewired. Bill Arnold will be invited to speak with the board directly regarding the well and pump.

CMA Engineering contract for Durand Road project was reviewed and the noted changes were made. The board signed the contract as voted and approved at their last meeting on June 26, 2021.

Kevin Rousseau reviewed the bid placed by AR Couture on enhancing the edging of Randolph Hill Road. The board agreed and signed the bid, AR Couture will begin work within a couple of weeks.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Bruce Kirmmse from the Conservation Commission. Bruce has been a member of the commission for many years and has contributed in the best interest of the town and it's needs.

Linda reminded the board of a ZOOM conference to be held Tuesday, June 27, 2021 at 10 am regarding the preservation treatments along US Rte. 2, 3 & 302 & NH 16 and 26 and passed out the log on information.

Doug Grant presented a copy of the twenty (20) year US Route 2 corridor study to Michele Cormier. Reviewing the study, it was noted the same safety issues were identified in the study with suggestions, but were never implemented. Lauren Bradley suggested writing letters to Representative Edith Tucker and Councilman Joseph Kenney regarding the study.

It was discussed, a turning lane could be easily installed by utilizing a portion of the scenic view at the top of the hill to have a safe turning lane.

Doug Grant has been Randolph's representative with North Country Council for the past six years and during that time he has also represented Randolph's interest on the Scenic By-ways Committee. Due to changing circumstances in his life, he has asked that Randolph look for someone to take his place as Randolph's representative. He has agreed to document the scope of the position and Linda will post on Facebook and the Website that the Town is looking for someone to take on this position.

Doug Grant discussed concerns of parking on the road side of the guardrail along US Route 2, noting the Appalachia Trail Head parking overflow causing hazardous conditions along US Route 2. Lauren Bradley spoke of cars parking on both sides on US Route 2, at one point blocking the US Route 2 access to their property. They did not appear to be hikers and unclear of their motives.

There was a discussion of the speed on US Route 2. Lauren Bradley suggested the use of electronic mileage signs to help deter the speed of vehicles.

Doug Grant also voiced concerns regarding the lack of human waste stations in the area of the Appalachia Trail Head parking. This has been a concern and spoken about at several Selectmen meetings. At one point a construction porta potty was left unlocked over the weekend near a trail and needed to be emptied the following Monday, due to hikers using it, proving that if the facility was available, it would be used. The major cost would be the pumping and cleaning of the stations.

The board has received a request from the Yoga Group to hang a Yoga painting in the Cross Meeting room as a vocal point. As discussed at previous meetings the board does not want to adopt the acceptance of personal paintings, sculptures or Art forms, that would lead into addition liability to the town.

Linda Dupont informed the board the NH DRA accepted the MS-232 (2021 Budget) as voted by the governing body on June 1, 2021 with no adjustments. Linda presented the board the annual PA-16 Inventory of Property owned by the USA Forest to be signed. The USA Forest will send a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) annually.

Kevin Rousseau has begun placing the delineators with 911 address markers as required by the E-911 compliance. This will ensure that Emergency Vehicles are able to find the correct location in a timely manner any emergency calls. Kevin noted that he will be ordering additional Children At Play signs to be placed in needed locations on Durand Road and Raycrest Drive.

John Scarinza informed the board the police radio has been installed in his truck. John Scarinza also reported on the condition of the Ravine House Pool dam. AR Couture did the best they could in their attempt to plug the leaks, but this did not resolve the issue. Water is still flowing through on both sides. Fortunately, due to the recent rains, it has not affected the water levels. It was suggested to contact NH Dams Bureau for guidance in obtaining an engineer to correct the problem.

The Randolph Foundation will be kept informed of the situation.

Kevin is maintaining the bathhouses as well while opening and closing them daily throughout the season.

John Scarinza requested an update of the Town's COVID procedures.

Not vaccinate – Masks are to be worn

Maintain – minimum of 3 feet distance

Clean all surfaces when function or room use complete (Cleaning supplies provided)

Large gatherings should wear masks indoors.

John Scarinza stated he has contracted Attorney Christine Fillmore to process the Berry property donated to the Town of Randolph.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Co-Chairman

John Turner, Selectmen

Lauren Bradley, Co-Chairman

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen