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# Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – September 13, 2021

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

The meeting began at 7:07 PM  
Vouchers were reviewed and signed.  
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

The Woodward Brochure from the 150-year celebration of Randolph was discovered while reviewing some old papers from the Archive Room. Having so many it was asked if these brochures could be made available for the upcoming Bicentennial in 2024. The board agreed to the request.

Linda Dupont presented two Fire Extinguisher bids received as requested by the Selectboard. In reviewing the bids, it was decided to forward the bids to Chief Horn for his opinion.

The board reviewed and signed the MS-1 – Property Inventory form to be forwarded to NH DRA Property Division.

The board reviewed and approved Building Permits:

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| 24-21 | Michael Egan                | Expansion of a Shed  |
| 25-21 | Shaun & Beverly Fitzpatrick | Residential Elevator |

A Current Use Application was presented from Virginia and Richard Umiker, the board approved the application.

A contract from Dubois & King was reviewed and signed for the Biannual Inspection of the Randolph Landfill as required by NH DES.  
Linda Dupont reviewed the town’s inspection of the Town Landfill showing pictures of action items that needed to be noted. The sign was down, growth within the fence will need to be removed and trees growing around the large boulder. The NH DES requires the town to do a physical inspection of the landfill twice a year.

At the request of the Selectmen, Bill Arnold inspected the town hall well. Bill found a 2-wire pump within the well that the wires were direct buried and not fed through conduit. The system is about eleven (11) years old, with an average life of 15 years. He recommended an upgrade to the system, preferably not during the winter months. The cost of replacing the pump with a two-wire system would be around \$2000, a three-wire system \$4000 to \$5000. Michele Cormier stated that this is an item that would need to be placed in the 2022 budget.

In reviewing the fees policy set at the last Selectmen's meeting on August 23, 2021. Pertaining to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment:

\$25.00 to cover the additional Minute Taker Costs of a Public Hearing.

\$35.00 to cover the placement of an Ad for a Public Hearing

\$ 7.33 to cover the costs of each certified letter to be sent to abutters.

The Planning Board raised their fees at the meeting held August 26, 2021 from \$25 to \$50.

After reflection, the Select board has revised the fee schedule to be consistent with the Planning Board. The flat application fee will be \$50, but the application should clearly state that any additional charges will be billed to the applicant. This includes the cost of advertising for public hearing, certified letters and additional secretarial costs.

Letters regarding the hazards of US Route 2 have been received by the Town and forwarded to Councilor Kenney's office. Harriet Phinney received a response from NH DOT Bureau of Traffic – William R. Lambert which was also copied to the town writing: "I recommend that they (the town) consider pursuit of a transportation capital improvement project that would provide a left turn lane for Randolph Hill Road without compromising the integrity of the eastbound passing lane."

Lauren Bradley stated it is a paint issue, that would easily resolve the issue of turning onto Randolph Hill Road.

Our area Representative Edith Tucker requested a public information session in 2020, where anonymous residents stated safety concerns as long as it does not interfere with their quality of noise levels.

The selectmen noted, that they have sent several letters and reports to NH DOT and election officials, voicing the safety concerns of the town with the hazardous US Route 2. These letters, also pointed out recommendations of where there were available funds to cover the costs of the project.

Further discussion regarding parking on US Route 2 within the breakdown lane, causing another area where hazardous conditions exist and the opportunity for fatal accidents to occur.

Dennis Tupick has been served the Town's letter by the Sheriff Department; Mr. Tupick informed the Sheriff he does not intend to move the fence. John Scarinza will contact the Town's attorney for advice in moving forward.

Another issue has arisen concerning the horses; they have been seen at the Ravine House Pool. Horse feces has been left on the gravel between Durand Road and the water way, again on the walking path around Durand Lake. Horses have been seen in the pool itself and peeing in the water. Another letter will be sent to the Tupicks' regarding this issue.

John Scarinza inquired about the status of the Current Use on the Durand Road property where the fences, horses and storage are. The town will request David Woodward of Avitar Associates revisit the area to ensure the acreage of Current Use complies.

Douglas Grant verbally resigned as Randolph's representative to the North Country Council while attending the July 26, 2021 Selectboard meeting. As of yet we have not received a written resignation from Doug Grant or an outline of the required duties of being a representative. Michele Cormier stated she would attend the meetings as Randolph's representative until a resident of Randolph can assume the position.

Kevin Rousseau is busy getting the town trucks ready for winter. Brian Lamarre will be returning to Randolph to complete the roadside mowing and go over areas not addressed properly. The deposit retained from the pre-wedding BBQ held at the Ravine House Pool will not be returned, due to the roadside signs that needed to be removed and were not. Kevin Rousseau collected the signs six days after the event for roadside mowing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

*Randolph Board of Selectmen*

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*Michele Cormier, Co-Chairman*

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*John Turner, Selectmen*

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*Lauren Bradley, Co-Chairman*

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*Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen*