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Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – October 11, 2021

Members Present: Michele Cormier, Lauren Bradley
Mike & Mandi Cote, John Scarinza, Katie Kelley, Bill Demers
Kevin Rousseau, Linda Dupont

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

Michael & Mandi Cote brought estimates of the proposed road construction from AR Couture to the board. Mr. Cote stated; he has been speaking with Vaillancourt & Woodward regarding the bond requirement of the 1250 ft. road. The Cote’s are still waiting on the approved Driveway Permit from NH-DOT, once received, they would like to begin construction of the road. Mr. Cote asked if there were other options on the bonding requirements. He suggested writing a check in the amount of \$50,000 to be held as a bond.

Both selectmen present agreed to contact the town attorney for direction in this area. Mr. Cote would need a letter from the town stating; based on the estimate given from Mr. Cote’s contractor as a valid estimate to complete the road project. Then he may move forward in obtaining the bond.

Michele Cormier assured Mr. & Mrs. Cote they would have an answer by the end of the week.

Katie Kelley updated the selectmen on her research on updating the Broadband within the limits of Randolph. Katie has been attending meetings with area towns for the past few months attempting to format a plan to expand Broadband and to enhance what we have. Katie has applied for grant monies to accomplish this and the town has received half of the grant monies approved.

Katie stated that in her meetings Carol Miller has come forward and is willing to draw up a five-year plan to accomplish the ultimate goal of better service utilizing fiber optic lines already running through the towns, for a portion of the grant monies received.

Katie stressed that the needs of the Randolph residents is now and stressing a five-year plan is unreasonable.

A letter was sent to Time Warner (Charter, Spectrum) at the end of June, 2021. As of this date they have not responded. Based on NH RSA they had sixty (60) days to respond, if not, the town is considered unserved. Problem areas noted are US Route 2 at the Jefferson town line, Valley Road and the end of Randolph Hill Road.

John Scarinza stated that when cable, internet and phone service came to town, it was all or nothing and the Select board at that time should have followed up on the accessibility to residents.

Katie Kelley replied they are not providing equal service to all. Children on i-pads, phones, laptops and others sources are drawing from the same source and is inadequate for today's needs. Senator Hassen, Senator Sheehan and Representative Kuster have been very supportive of the need to improve broadband.

Katie reviewed an independent plan of:

- a. Develop and RFP for other providers; two or three interested companies
- b. Bring in options for the residents.
- c. Encourage having a competitive marketplace.
- d. V-SAT Satellite – snow does cause issues.
- e. Combination of fiber and wireless.

Lauren Bradley suggested to create an RFP and a list of available vendors. Michele Cormier agreed to develop an outline and bring to the board for review and approval.

The board reviewed and signed the 2022 contract to have Avitar Associates begin the critical assessing review of the town.

Bill Demers asked the board regarding the length of time that trailers are to be stored on residential property in town. A trailer has been sitting on a property located on Raycrest Drive for some time. John Scarinza noted that under the Land Use Ordinance, these need to be permitted by the selectmen's office, if in place for any length of time. It was also noted that there is a trailer set up on Valley Road on Matthew Benjamin's property and one on Dennis Tupick's property in the corral. John Scarinza will look up the ordinance and a letter needs to be sent to the property owner.

Doug Grant has expressed his wishes to step down as being Randolph representative to the North Country Council. The Planning Board needs to accept Doug's resignation when received and appoint a new representative or someone to represent Randolph until a permanent replacement can be found. Michele Cormier has volunteered to attend the monthly meetings until this someone can be found.

Martin Johnson sent in a Building Permit to build a barn and studio behind his property. The board having questions regarding if this new structure would be tied into the existing septic and to acquire a letter from NH DES.

Christine and Catherine Mermier went before the Board of Adjustment for approval to place a shed within the set back requirements. The BOA approved her request and the Building Permit was approved by the Selectmen.

Ken Lee sent a letter to the town in response to the minutes of the last Selectmen's meeting noting the discussion regarding Pasture Path and solving the issues washing the road out on the southernly side of the road. Ken was concerned the solution would be encroaching on his property and his desire to maintain his property lines. John Scarinza suggested to build up the sides of the road to be above the grass line, so the water may flow and disperse through the grass causing little to no damage to resident's property. Kevin Rousseau stated he would need to build up

the entire length of the road. John S. suggested a mixture of ledge pack with the gravel would stabilize the buildup.

It was also noted the intersection coming off US Route 2 onto Durand Road East is in need of maintenance. The State of New Hampshire owns this section, but the maintenance is the responsibility of the Town of Randolph. Kevin will contact a contractor to repair this area and also look at the junction of Nekal Lane coming onto Randolph Hill Road to extend the apron on both sides.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Co-Chairman

John Turner, Selectmen

Lauren Bradley, Co-Chairman

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen