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# Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING – November 8, 2021

Members Present: Michele Cormier, Lauren Bradley, John Turner

Dr. John McDowell, Katie Kelley, 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:**

Dr. John McDowell, Health Officer for the Town of Randolph, reviewed the “Role of the Health Officer in Town”.

Speaking with NH-DES, who relies on the town’s Health Officer to document the complaint of violations, inspections, and to determine required action on complaints of septic failure. Dr McDowell is looking to the town for guidance as his expertise is not in septic systems and determining a failed system as stated in NH-RSAs. He is asking the town develop a Policy of Procedures to follow when a situation should arise.

Michele Cormier, Lauren Bradley and Dr. McDowell will meet and determine a set procedure in handling complaints. Lauren Bradley asked if NH-DES has a template in place to help or aid towns in our position is dealing with failed systems. Dr. McDowell questioned if it would be the Health Officer’s responsibility or someone with more expertise.

Kathleen Kelley and Michele Cormier have developed a survey to send out to Randolph property owners to determine the broadband needs of the town. A survey has been set up through FREE Survey Monkey and a hardcopy format for those who cannot access the internet. The Survey Monkey has a 10-question limit.

Kathleen Kelley has been able to acquire a grant to handle the cost of researching and acquiring a better internet service for the town, these funds will be used to cover any outstanding costs in the incurred.

Linda Dupont will send out bid requests to Smith & Town printing for a mailing price to cover the hardcopy mailing. Lauren Bradley voiced concerns of residents submitting more than one survey.

With hopes to have the survey sent to all property owners and have the surveys return prior to the end of 2021.

Questions have come up to address Dark Sky Ordinances and Short-Term Rentals. Michele Cormier addressed these questions to John Scarinza, chairman of the Randolph Planning Board. John Scarinza noted there is a Dark Sky Ordinance in place. LED lighting needs to be Dark Sky Compliant at any residential, commercial or street light.

Short Term Rentals have not been addressed as of yet. John feels it is not a problem in Randolph in comparison to Bartlett and Conway. John stated in the Town of Gorham over the past 3 years, twenty-two single family homes or apartments have been transformed into short term rentals, removing viable housing for residents.

Lauren Bradley stated complaints of heavy traffic or loud parties or too much noise has been voiced to the board concerning short term rentals.

Sarah Ferry a resident has inquired and realtors have made inquiries, wondering if Randolph has an ordinance. John Scarinza again stated; At this time, we do not have a short-term rental ordinance.

The board was given a review of the Public Hearing held on November 4, 2021 at the Town Hall. State Police Trooper Michael Cote was on hand to answer any questions the residents would ask. The committee is considering setting up a survey to include all residents to get their input on the future of the Randolph Police Department.

John Scarinza spoke with the town's attorney regarding Mr. Tupick and she has requested a timeline of correspondence before moving forward.

Linda Dupont presented the second billing Tax Warrant for the board to review and sign. Michele Cormier stated the school apportionment is incorrect and should be corrected by SAU 20 and a new apportionment sent. The board reviewed and signed five solar exemption applications.

Michele Cormier noted that is has been brought to her attention that the stipend committee which consisted of Michele Cormier, Guy Stever and Anne Kenison, reviewed all stipends in 2016 and recommended that the stipends be reviewed in five years, 2021 would be the fifth year. John Turner agreed to take on this project and form a new committee.

Trish Frechette of Wayn-o's contacted Michele Cormier to make her aware that the January Recycle pick-up would-be January 8<sup>th</sup> due to January 1<sup>st</sup> being a Holiday and the Recycle Center would be closed.

Doug Grant sent a map noting a dead birch behind the old Library with the possibility of falling on the power lines. Although it is on town property the maintenance of the trees near the power lines would be the responsibility of Eversource. Kevin Rousseau stated he would contact Eversource and report the dead tree.

Linda Dupont reminded the board the Mountain View deadline is fast approaching with a date of November 15, 2021 for any articles.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 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*