

Approved

Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING- April 10, 2023

Members Present: Michele Cormier, Paul Jadis, John Turner (by Phone)
Gary Newfield
Linda Dupont

The meeting began at 7 pm

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

John Turner moved that Michele Cormier retain her position as Chair of the Select board. Paul Jadis seconded. All agreed.

Gary Newfield stated that Joel White approached Gary regarding invasive species of plants, specifically Japanese Knotweed seen along Durand Road. Gary Newfield as Chair of the Conservation Commission requested the board address this issue prior to the construction of Durand Road, stating this is best approached in the fall of the year after the flowers have bloomed. He strongly suggested addressing it with Roundup in the fall. The board stated they can bring the issue to the attention of the Engineer of the project to be aware of through Phase I. At this point, the timeline of the project completion by November 1st of 2023, does not allow time to address the Knotweed.

Jill Killburn will be speaking regarding this at the Gorham Public Library on April 26th.

Wayn-o's signed the agreed contract to continue as the Curbside Pickup Contractor for the next two years. The contract detailed what was discussed during the previous meeting of the board.

A Building Permit for John Phinney for a stand-alone screened porch connected by a covered walkway from the existing deck. The board signed and approved the permit.

A Driveway Permit and a Building Permit to build a house from Newell and Katrina White came before the board. After discussion, the board tabled approving both permits. More information would be needed to answer questions of the board members and a site visit to identify the location of the driveway, the length of the driveway, the wetland conditions, and the location of the additional culvert to be placed across the road. In addition, the board will obtain a Memorandum of Understanding for the new culvert.

Granite State Glass was called back to readdress the Town Hall Entrance door sticking open. They billed the town an additional \$500 for the recall, Paul Jadis said he would address this with the Granite State Glass.

David Woodward from Avitar Associates addressed the Cote subdivision and the lot line adjustment for the Randolph Church. Linda will draw up the A-5 Current Use Change Tax and the W-5A – Warrant for the Currant Use Change Tax, to be signed by the board.

Michele Cormier reviewed the possible availability of obtaining a grant for the repair of the Ravine House Dam. She stated there is a recurring grant with a split of 50/50, with the possibility of the Randolph Foundation helping with a portion of the repairs. Mark Kelley has spoken with the Engineers of HEB (Horizon) and they are willing to work with the town. Michele added the repairs could possibly be done in steps.

Michele noted a Letter of Intent has been submitted to obtain FEMA monies for the three (3) Culverts on Durand Road. This is a 75% - 25% split of the three culverts costing \$90,000.

Paul Jadis suggested an email to be sent to the Boards and Commissions, noting each board or Commission should have a chair and co-chair or 2nd chair. A general letter noting the situation of the April 6th public hearing not taking place, due to only one member showing up with the minute taker and Burke York representing the landowner could have been avoided if there was a chair and a co-chair sending out communications.

The Municipal Building Electric bill came in and for March is now down 10% from last year. It has not been determined as to why the electric use has been fluctuating the usage between +60% during the months of November, December, January, and February and then down -10% usage in March. Linda Dupont has brought this to the attention of Chief Horne, the Board of Selectmen, and the Road Agent and it has yet to be determined as to why this is happening.

Michele Cormier stated that she is looking into obtaining a Bond Note with Northway Bank in order to complete Phase I of the Durand Road Project.

The discussion reviewed the costs of \$1.3 million dollars:

Over 10 years –		
\$1.3 mil	annual payment of \$164,292	tax impact of \$2.13
Or reduce by \$50,000 annually from reserves	\$114,292	tax impact \$1.48

\$1.3 mil reduced by \$500,000 from reserves annual payment of \$101,103 tax impact of \$1.31
taking \$750,000 from reserves and borrowing \$600,000 over 10 years creating a tax impact of \$.90 per \$1000.

Over 5 years – annual payment of \$124,000 tax impact of \$1.62 per \$1000.

Costs of the Road \$1,066,739 + \$125,000.00 Engineers + \$140,000 Contingency Fund
=\$1,331,739

The board agreed to have Michele pursue a Bond with Northway Bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Chair

By phone

John Turner, Selectmen

Paul A. Jadis, Selectmen

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen