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# Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING October 23, 2023

Members Present: Paul Jadis, John Turner, Michele Cormier

Guests: Red Dempster, Howie Wemyss, Lauren Bradley, Gary Newfield, Kevin Rousseau,  
Paul Kenison

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

Kevin Rousseau had questions about the demolition project at Lowe’s, particularly on the timing of the project so the family has enough time to obtain their personal belongings. He asked to be included in the process so the family is kept up to date on progress.

Howie Wemyss asked about the status of the street light conversion project. The board has now had enough time to review the bid and give it approval. Michele moved to accept the contract. Paul seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Howie also asked about the process for petitioned warrant articles for Town Meeting. He was advised of the need for proper language and 10 signatures. Petitions need to be submitted by mid-January, the exact date is unknown at this time.

Howie, along with Lauren Bradley and Gary Newfield raised questions about the removal of the temporary signs. Lauren pointed out the residents have First Amendment rights and the town could be liable for litigation. The board admitted they had acted too hastily in removing the signs; there should have been better communication with the residents. The intent was to protect the signs from snow plow damage and they could be replaced in the spring. The board apologized for their action.

A complaint was brought regarding a resident operating a business on Valley Road. In-home businesses are subject to Special Exception to review the possible impact on the neighborhood and roadway. The Town will send a letter to this resident advising them of the need to make this application.

Paul reported that the final paving on Durand Road will include ledge pack edging and that the aprons are not finished. All edging must be graded and finished. A meeting with the engineer and contractor to be held Tues. Oct 24 should address these issues.

John Turner reported that an attorney’s letter has been sent to Mr. Tupick regarding the location of his fence in the town right of way. He has 30 days to take action. The Town’s option is to take Mr. Tupick to court and he will be responsible for court costs and attorney’s fees.

There was a brief discussion of the repeater to be located at the Farrar Farm location. This has been brought to the attention of the Forest Commission who has discretion in this matter as the location is on Town Forest lands.

The Board also reviewed the first draft of the EMS contract with the Town of Gorham, which renews in 2025. This will be given further study.

The Board addressed a complaint from Mr. Foster regarding a drainage system his neighbor installed on their property and his concerns that the drainage would affect him negatively. John and Paul Kenison both inspected the new culverts and drainage and they appear to function properly and will not affect abutters.

The Town received the new Avitar contract for assessing services for 2024. Last year the board agreed to sign a single-year contract, so this also is a single-year agreement. As this is the revaluation year, the amount is greater than in past years, but not significantly. Michele moved to sign the contract, John seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The board discussed sending a letter of response to Kelly Eggleston, and the draft letter was approved to be sent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

*Randolph Board of Selectmen*

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*Michele Cormier, Chair*

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*John Turner, Selectmen*

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*Paul A. Jadis, Selectmen*

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*Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen*