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## Town of Randolph office of the selectmen

MINUTES OF MEETING December 11, 2023

Members Present: Paul Jadis, John Turner, Michele Cormier

Guests: Kevin Rousseau, Bill Demers, Guy Stever, Yvonne Jenkins, Howie Wemyss

Paul Kenison, Linda Dupont

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:**

Paul Kenison addressed the missing Engine Brake sign from the east end of US Route 2. He has priced it out to replace the sign it would cost \$300. The sign would be 24 x 24 inches and placed by the Welcome to the Town of Randolph sign. The board agreed the speed limit on dirt roads should be 25 mph, except on the S curve at the top of Randolph Hill Road which should be 15 MPH. Bill Arnold requested the Town to plow the Randolph Church parking area if needed for the Christmas Caroling Event attended by the whole town. The board agreed as long as the area is staked out, marking the area clearly for the Road Agent.

Guy Stever, co-chair of the Bi-centennial Committee requested permission to hang a banner in the Cross Meeting room where the Town Quilt is now hanging, as well as to hang temporary banners of the Welcome to Randolph signs on US Route 2 noting the Bicentennial year. Guy also requested \$20,000 from the Town for the Bicentennial to be placed in the 2024 budget.

Kevin Rousseau came before the board to state as of December 31, 2023, he will no longer be able to represent the town as their law enforcement officer. With his new position, he feels he is unable to serve the town in its fullest capacity. Michele Cormier, chairman of the board accepted Kevin's resignation as of December 31, 2023, with regret. The board thanked Kevin for his dedication and service to the town.

Yvonne Jenkins and Howie Wemyss came before the board representing the REEP Committee. They requested an article be placed on the 2024 Warrant to include \$20,000 to be placed in the Energy Capital Reserve Account. They stressed they are hoping to go forward with the installation of Solar Panels behind the Town Hall. They estimate the cost would be around \$70,000, with a \$4000 rebate, and hope to receive 30% from Federal Municipal Solar Grants.

Paul Jadis asked if the town has received an ROI (return on investment). This should be provided with the bids.

An invitation to bid has been placed in the newspapers, the RFP has been approved for release. Yvonne Jenkins has updated the list of Solar Vendors to invite to bid. Interested vendors will be invited to view the site on January 9, 2024.

A LUCT (Land Use Change Tax) Warrant was approved and signed by the board on a piece of property sold on Cote Acres Road.

PA-07 Intent to Timber Cut submitted by Haven Neal on behalf of Broadacres was approved and signed by the board.

Michele Cormier informed the board of the results of the latest meeting on providing toilets at the Appalachia Trailhead Parking area. At their last meeting, it was discussed to have one of the stakeholders be the lead agent for the Appalachian Facility Project. This would include being responsible for the billings and payments of maintaining the facility. The other stakeholders would include Cross NH Bike Trail, Randolph Foundation, RMC, AMC, Forest Service, and the Town of Randolph. The estimated cost per stakeholder would be \$600 annually. Paul Jadis moved to allow the Town of Randolph to take the lead. John Turner seconded. All agreed.

| The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm |  |
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| Randolph Board of Selectmen          |  |
| Michele Cormier, Chair               | John Turner, Selectmen                   |
| Paul A. Jadis. Selectmen             | Linda Dupont. Assistant to the Selectmen |