

Approved

Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING January 8, 2024

Members Present: Paul Jadis (by phone), John Turner, Michele Cormier
Guests: Kevin Rousseau, Dave Woodward, Paul Cormier, Bob Ross

Paul Kenison

The meeting began at 6:30 pm
Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:

Bob Ross brought to the board’s attention a culvert crossing Durand Road near his house which he feels should be sized up to accommodate excessive water flow, such as from the recent rain event. This culvert will be added to the list of areas to attend next summer.

Kevin Rousseau returned his bulletproof vest and weapons and will remove the radio and sirens from his vehicle and return them as well. He asked the board if he could purchase one of the guns for his personal use. Kevin has been directed to return the firearm under his possession to the town. The board will look into the process to allow for this. It was suggested Mark Santos might be able to assist. Kevin also provided his Form B which needs to be signed by the Board and sent to the State Standards Board to allow for his resignation from the town police department. We will prepare a letter to accompany this Form. It was agreed police department equipment shall be stored in the town hall at this time. The town will reach out to Jenn Scarinza for the rest of the equipment from John’s vehicle and personal collection.

Dave Woodward presented the data verification which is in process for the revaluation to be completed by the end of 2024. He wanted to be sure the town was aware the values were expected to double with this revaluation. The Board will use the quarterly newsletter to notify all the taxpayers to expect this increase and to remind them that an increase in valuation generally leads to a decrease in the tax rate. Dave was asked about his impending retirement. He said Loren Martin, a principal with Avitar is looking for a substitute who qualifies at the “assessor supervisor” level.

Paul Kenison asked about burning the brush pile, composed of tree debris cleaned up after the rain storm, which is presently stockpiled at Lowe’s. It was decided to approach the Fire Dept to see if they would supervise a controlled burn. There are some concerns about having a fire truck out at the scene during cold weather. Paul also discussed permanent repairs to Randolph Hill Road and whether that paving could coordinate with the entrance road to Raycrest Drive. He is pursuing FEMA moneys for the repairs.

The board opened 2 estimates for replacing the heating system in the large meeting room. These estimates are for heat pumps which will run on electricity. A third estimate is expected and there was no decision made until all estimates are available.

There is a scheduled site walk on Tuesday, January 9, for contractors interested in the installation of a solar system behind the town hall. Members of the energy committee will attend this visit.

The board signed an intent to cut from the Town Forest. Two solar exemptions were signed, for the Wemyss property and the Noring/Arego property.

Pau Jadis said he will meet Primex to review and visit the town properties for the annual insurance renewal. He also will meet Fidium on Jan 18 at noon in Shelburne to discuss providing fiber internet services in Randolph and surrounding communities.

Paul Jadis has sent photos displaying damages caused to his woodlot culvert in the process of road repairs. He would like this fixed by the town. It will be included in the list of repairs to be performed next summer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Chair

John Turner, Selectmen

excused

Paul A. Jadis, Selectmen

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen