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Town of Randolph OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING August 26, 2024

Members Present: Paul Jadis, Rick Fournier

Paul Kenison, June Hammond Rowan, and Mark Kelley

The meeting began at 6:00 pm

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting was called to order by Paul A. Jadis at 6:00 PM EST

Vouchers were reviewed and signed by the two Selectmen present.

First order of business was presented by Mark Kelley who was there to represent the Forest Commission as the Chairman. Mark came to this meeting to address the concern of the Board with regards to the inconsistency in the Forest Commission not addressing the responsibility they have to the town for the PILT over the past three years. The Forest Commission presented the Board with a spreadsheet outlining the various types of land use, the acreage, the current use amount per acre and a value. The Forest Commission is paying the Town of Randolph PILT for 2022, 2023, and 2024. Mark Kelley noted that the town would receive all three payments prior to the end of 2024. The Planning Board who oversees the Forest Commission has asked that The Forest Commission address the annual payment for the PILT each year when the second tax bill is sent out. Providing that the Forest Commission indicates a profit each year then they will be responsible to meet this obligation to the town and the town’s residents. The payment for 2022 will be in the amount of \$5191.49. It will be the responsibility of the Assistant to the Selectmen to send out a reminder every year to the Forest Commission and the Planning Board that the PILT needs to be addressed. Once this business was complete, both Mark Kelley and June Hammond Rowan left the meeting.

Road Agent:

Paul Kenison reported that there is a metal cross road culvert on Glover Spring Road that has become rusted and is failing and will eventually collapse. He has recommended that the 16” metal culvert be replaced with a 18” plastic culvert.

Paul also recommended that the town sell the two old used salt spreaders, one is a 6 yd the other a 4 yd, Rick Fournier and Paul Jadis were both in agreement. Paul Jadis suggested that the town contact Lucille Lowe and ask her permission to use the staging area she allowed us to have during the DRP to stage the two salt spreaders and the town’s older fire truck for sale.

Paul is continuing to perform ongoing maintenance to the town’s trucks and other equipment in preparation for the upcoming winter.

Lastly, there was some damage to the municipal building garage door used by the road agent for the town's equipment. Paul and Rick are looking into having White Mountain Overhead Doors provide a proposal to repair and/or replace this door.

Rick Fournier discussed his research on having the Fire Department garage insulated. He has quotes on the proposed work. Rick also discussed the need for at minimum garage door seals for all the doors at the garage used by the Randolph FD. Rick also recommended that having fans in this garage may provide better heat movement during the winter months as much of the heat rises into the upper levels of this garage and it is not the most efficient approach and is costly.

Paul discussed his concern that the solar array project appears to have some drawbacks that may never have been addressed, many of these items received the same sentiment from Rick Fournier:

Snow on the solar array panels.

No electricity being generated after the sun goes down.

Eversource issues not allowing excess electricity to be banked or placed on the grid for future credit and use.

The cost of running the two heat pumps is extremely expensive.

Concerns that the solar array is not online at this time.

Last order of business was the estimate given to the town by Wintergreen Landscaping LLC for additional work at the solar array site. Both selectmen were in agreement that this work was necessary. They also both felt that the Board of Selectmen must become more involved when any volunteer committee presents proposed work and spending that the town will be responsible for. In short, a protocol for checks and balances along with project oversight is the responsibility to the town and Board of Selectmen, not the committee representing the proposed project and spending.

Meeting Adjourned 7 pm

Randolph Board of Selectmen

excused

Michele Cormier, Chair

Richard Fournier, Selectmen

excused

Paul A. Jadis, Selectmen

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen