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# Town of Randolph

## OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING January 27, 2025

Members Present: Rick Fournier, Michele Cormier, & Paul Jadis

Bill Demers, Paul Kenison, Linda Dupont

The meeting began at 6:00 pm

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

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Michele Cormier reviewed as recommended by the Trustee of the Trust Funds to use funds accumulating within the Cemetery Trust. Michele Cormier moved to request funds from the Perpetual Care Account to reimburse the Town expenses of 2024 of \$845 from the Randolph Hill Road Cemetery Fund and \$765 from the Durand Road Cemetery Funds, totaling \$1610. Rick Fournier Seconded. All agreed.

Gorham Repeater – The Town of Gorham is requesting the Town of Randolph to cover the cost of developing a road to access the Repeater Tower to be placed on Town-owned property located on the south side of US Route 2. This is for informational purposes and no action was taken at this time, the Town of Randolph is still waiting for a response from a letter sent to the Town of Gorham on May 20, 2024.

The board reviewed the needs of roads within the town and prioritized action to be taken.

1. The end of Boothman Lane.
2. Review of the Ross Culvert (Selectmen Jadis stated he is not on board with this action)
3. Lower Randolph Hill Road. (funds to be taken from Reserves).
4. Catch basin on the East Side of Randolph Hill Road.

Paul Jadis stated he had spoken with David Ruble and Dave has given his permission for the Road Agent to plow up to the existing gate at the end of Boothman Lane. There was further discussion on plowing that area to accommodate all the resident's needs.

The Weathervane Theatre submitted a letter requesting a \$1000 donation from the Town of Randolph. The board agreed that the theatre should submit a Petition Warrant Article requesting such funds.

Howie Wemyss inquired if the Town would pay \$300 for membership with the Clean Energy of NH. The board did not agree to participate in this at this time.

Anne Kenison requested that the Board limit the hours of Town Elections for the upcoming Town Elections and Town Hall Meetings. She preferred a shorter day to begin at 2 pm rather than the normal 11 am start time. Moderator David Willcox feels the polling hours should remain the same to stay consistent with all elections held throughout the year. Paul Jadis moved that hours for elections should remain the same at 11 am til 7 pm, and consistent throughout the year. Michele Cormier seconded. All agreed.

The board reviewed and signed two pole licenses from Eversource and an agreement to program the electronic voting tablet at \$600.

A Current Use Application from Lucille Lowe was presented to the board. Paul Jadis noted that there is still a small building standing on the property. The Current Use application was not approved or denied, for further investigation of the building and its purpose.

The Board agreed to send another letter to Jenn Scarinza requesting the return of the Town Property still being held at her home. Paul Jadis will draft the letter to be signed by the Board and sent out to Jenn.

Paul Jadis spoke about the importance of discussing the 12-year plan for completing Durand Road. He strongly suggested that this should move forward to complete what has begun. The Engineers (CMA) presented the reconditioning in five (5) phases; all have been engineered (paid for) and two (2) phases have been completed. Paul Jadis opened a discussion to plan the remaining phases. Paul noted the engineering costs have been paid to reconstruct the entire road.

The board reviewed an abatement from Linda Kovilak and questioned the recommendation from Avitar. Paul Jadis stated he would like to speak with someone at Avitar to get a better insight into how they determined what the abated value would be. This will be readdressed at the next meeting.

The board reviewed the 2025 Budget, made a few adjustments, and will develop a final copy for the February 10<sup>th</sup> Public Budget Hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

*Randolph Board of Selectmen*

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*Michele Cormier, Chair*

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*Richard Fournier, Selectmen*

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*Paul A. Jadis, Selectmen*

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*Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen*