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# Town of Randolph

## OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 12, 2026

Members Present: Michele Cormier, Paul Jadis, John Turner

Guests: Gary Newfield, June Hammond Rowan, Jeremiah Hawkins

Linda Dupont

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

Minutes were approved and vouchers signed.

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Michele Cormier moved to sign a letter of support to the NH DOT to acquire funds for the critter crossing in Randolph reconnecting the Bowman Divide Project in Randolph. John Turner seconded.

Gary Newfield gave clarification on the request due to new funding being available.

Paul Jadis asked if this will make the town liable for any incurring cost for the project. Gary stated that this would be no cost to the town.

Paul asked if there would be any residual cost being placed on the town for maintenance or up-keep of the crossing. It was stated that NH DOT would be assuming the maintenance and up-keep once in place. All agreed.

Jeremiah Hawkins came before the town regarding a building permit submitted on behalf of John Weatherly. June Hammond Rowan noted that the lot in question is accessed by right of way and does not have frontage at the end Pasture Path. She also stated that this was noted when the lot line adjustment was granted by the Planning Board and would need to comply with RSA 674:41. The board determined to place the Building Permit on hold until RSA 674:41 can be satisfied.

Gary Newfield came to the board to address the Japanese Knotweed along Durand Road. Joel White has been working with the Town Forest combating this invasive species. Gary Newfield is looking to contract Paul Eaton and Sam Sabeau from Keep it Native. They combat Japanese Knotweed by spraying. The Conservation Commission is purposing to spray the knotweed within the right-of-way of Durand Road. Letters will be sent to property owners to acquire their permission to spray areas that extend beyond the right-of-way.

Michele Cormier accepted the resignation of Jen Scarinza with regret from the Conservation Commission and as Alternate Moderator. All agreed.

June Hammond Rowan requested the board to add to the budget for equipment to be added to the small conference room for the ability for video conferencing. Smart TV with camera. Micro-

phone, and speakers attached to the wall. June estimated a \$1500 cost. This would aid all Boards, Commissions, RMC, Randolph Foundation and Selectmen in video conferences and available courses.

June noted that last year it was budgeted \$5000 for help in the office. She encouraged this be added this year.

She urged the board to look in a code enforcement officer, charging for permits could cover the cost. Noting the changes by the State of building codes, she strongly stressed the town's need to adopt a Code Enforcement Officer.

June informed the board, that she plans to review the Capital Improvement Plan and address it at the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Planning Board meeting.

John Turner moved to the sign the 2026 MOU with NH State Police, Troop F. Michele Cormier seconded it. All agreed.

Paul A. Jadis reviewed and signed the AVH Consortium and testing agreements with AVH Occupational Health Services.

The Town Clerk received an emailed memorandum from the Attorney General Department of Justice – prohibiting from promoting DEI provisions. The board objected to sign and will return unsigned a Political Subdivision Certificate of Compliance with RSA 21-I:116 stating at this time we choose to pass. The board agreed to fill out the form and send in unsigned. All Agreed.

Michele Cormier updated the board on request received from the owners of 24 US Route 2 regarding the expansion project on the western side of the existing building. As of yet they have not complied by sending in a completed building permit with necessary plot plan identifying setbacks.

The board revisited the lack of an official fence ordinance in the Land Use Ordinance and as it not a permanent structure but for the safety of animals the set backs should not be considered. A letter will be written to the owner on Pinkham B Road stating this.

Michele Cormier moved to adopt a policy – the town will assume small contractors working for certain Boards or Commissions as employees of the town with Commissions or Boards to compensate the town in December.

Hearing no further business, John Turner moved to adjourn at 7:34 pm.

*Randolph Board of Selectmen*

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*Michele Cormier, Co-Chair*

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*John Turner, Selectmen*

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*Paul A. Jadis, Co-Chair*

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*Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen*