

Selectboard meeting of September 15, 2015
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Ross Evans (left at 7:00 p.m.), Larry Richburg (arrived at 5:40 p.m.), Marjorie Ryerson, and Tom Schersten. Absent: Trini Brassard

Municipal Staff: Mel Adams (Town Manager) and Cindy Spaulding (Recorder)

Public Attendees: Carolyn Lumbra, Reggie Magnant, Robert Aulman, Darron _____, Kathy Leonard, Patrick French, Aaron Svedlow and CJ Walsh (Ranger Solar), Steven Quenneville, David Paul, Robert Runnals, Roy Fifield, John Race, Brendan Barden, and Gary Dir. **There were other attendees that did not sign in, if a board member recognizes, please put under**
Observed:

Media: M.D. Drysdale (*Herald of Randolph*) and Matt Swenson (ORCA)

1. Call the meeting to order

Ms. Ryerson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. Vote 3-0-0.

3. Public Comment

No Public Comment

4. Consent Agenda

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board approved the minutes of August 18, 2015 (regular), September 2, 2015 (Emergency) and September 10, 2015 (Special). Vote 3-0-0.

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board voted to approve the consent agenda items b-d as presented. Vote 4-0-0.

Approved: Extra Mile Resolution, Sale of Burial Plot to Edward and Muriel VandeGriek and warrants.

5. New Business

- a. Set Tax Rate

Mr. French provided an overview of the FY 2016 Tax Rates the increase is about 1 to 1.5 percent, overall depending on which tax rate applies.

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board voted to set the Municipal, School, Local Agreement, and Police District property tax rates as presented. Vote 4-0-0.

		<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
1) Municipal tax rate	=	.7311	.7311
2) School statewide tax rate	=	1.3303	1.4222
3) Local agreement tax rate	=	<u>.0027</u>	<u>.0027</u>
4) Total townwide tax rate	=	2.0641	2.156
5) Police District tax rate	=	.3717	.3717
6) Townwide tax rate plus Police District tax rate	=	<u>2.4358</u>	<u>2.5277</u>

b. Canine Issue in Randolph Center

Overview: The town has received several complaints from residents in Randolph Center concerning a large great Dane named "Cowboy" owned by David Paul.

Participating in discussion: Carolyn Lumbra, David Paul and the Selectboard. At various times "Cowboy" has intimidated residents when he runs loose and defecates on neighbors' lawns, scaring small children and animals, violations of dog ordinance, etc. The board was in consensus and strongly recommends that Mr. Paul is to supervise his dog at all time when it is outside, leash it when it is off property and tether it outside or provide a fenced in area.

c. Personal Use of Highway Garage

Mr. Adams provided an overview of the Personal use of town equipment and/or facilities request by the town mechanic Reginald Magnant. A memo went out to all town employees informing them that the town's facilities and equipment are not for personal uses. He had received a request from the mechanic asking for an exemption as the mechanic's personal tools are in the Center Garage. Mr. Adams had declined the request in writing. Mr. Magnant was not satisfied with the response and requested it be reviewed by the Selectboard.

Mr. Adams reported personal usage of town equipment and facilities after hours and on the weekends are insurance liability risks on the town. PACIF board was consulted and their recommendation was not to allow town employees to use or operate equipment or public facilities during non-work hours, as it is too much of a liability risk. There are concerns that town employee could sustaining injuries, or equipment breaking when being used for personal purposes. The town is still responsible for all public facilities and equipment it owns at all times.

Mr. Magnant explained he owns the toolbox and its contents; and when he was hired (previous management), he was informed that he could use the garage for his personal use at any time. Now with the new policy in place, he is unable to use his tools at any time to work on his personal vehicles.

Consensus of the board is to research a possible compromise for Mr. Magnant to gain access to his personal tools at the Center Highway Garage.

d. Ranger Solar

Mr. Svedlow provided an overview of a potential solar project at or near the GMP substation on the East Bethel Road in Randolph Center. This announcement is preliminary, if the project moves forward, the Board will receive notification within 45 days as notice of intent to submit an application to the Public Service Board for a certificate of public good.

e. Police Policies

The board reviewed the six proposed Police Department Policies.

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board voted to adopt the following Police Department Policies: Body Worn Video Recording, body armor, response to resistance/use of force, Excited Delirium, Training Directive, and Property & Evidence Management. Vote 4-0-0.

f. Assistance to Firefighter's Grant

On motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board approved submitting a grant application through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters grant program for the purpose of obtaining funding to purchase fire apparatus and auxiliary equipment. Vote 4-0-0.

Note: Funding amount and equipment will be made available at a later date.

g. Appoint member to Recreation Advisory Committee

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board appointed Ian Sears as a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee. Vote 4-0-0.

6. Old Business

a. Randolph Village Fire Department

The Temporary Building Committee has visited and reviewed three locations to temporarily house the Randolph Village Fire Department. The buildings visited were Gillespie's, former CVPS building, and the Stagecoach Transportation Garage. The building that best fits the needs of the department is the Stagecoach Transportation Building on Hedding Drive.

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board approved moving forward with negotiating with Stagecoach Transportation for a portion of their building. Vote 4-0-0.

Due to the urgent need of a tanker for the fire department, Chief Collette has found a vendor, which has a cab/chassis and poly tank to build the fire apparatus. The vendor was the only one to previously bid on the request for proposal. It is recommended and supported to obtain the truck under the sole source clause of the town's purchasing policy.

On motion by Mr. Schersten, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the Board approved Randolph Village Fire Chief to review the Tanker proposal with Vermont Fire Technologies as a sole source contingent upon final approval. Vote 4-0-0.

b. Pent Road at Jacobs Trailer Park

The Selectboard rescheduled the Pent Road at the end of Jacobs Trailer Park for Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

c. Building Usage Policy

The Board tabled action on the proposed Building Usage Policy until the October 20 meeting.

d. Town Forest Policy

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to approve the Town Forest Policy as presented. Vote 3-0-0.

e. Readopt Ordinances

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board readopted the Traffic, Parking and Speeding Ordinance, Water Ordinance, and Sewer Ordinance as presented. Vote 3-0-0.

7. Committee reports

The Energy Advisory Committee is working on a community solar project.
The Recreation Advisory Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 16 and the playground project will be complete by mid-October.

8. Other business

Mr. Quenneville expressed his frustration with the average billing at two of his properties on Dudley Street during the spring frozen pipe incidents. The average was based on a five-year history instead of three quarter history, he also disclosed during the frozen pipe issue, the water from the host property was going thru the host meter and the frozen meter so it was being read twice.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Quenneville, Mr. Richburg, and Mr. Schersten concerning the billing practices, meter equipment, town band from Mr. Quenneville's properties, and the average billing practices. Mr. Richburg will research the situation and discuss it with the Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee.

9. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr. Schersten, the Board voted to adjourn until its next scheduled meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall Conference Room B. Vote 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding
Recorder

Larry Richburg
Selectboard Chair