

Landaff Select Board
Budget Hearing
February 8, 2022
7 PM

Minutes

Present Harry McGovern, Jenn Locke, Denise Cartwright, Frances Day, Administrative Assistant, and July Boulet, Moderator
Attending: Jason Cartwright, Errol Peters, Ben Peters, Travis Peters, Brenda Dodge, Danny Dodge, John Barth, Claudia and Reg Lavoie, Marilyn Booth, Lisbon Chief Ben Bailey, and Gayle Clement

The Warrant Articles were read.

In Article 20, Chief Bailey explained to those present that the increase in cost of fuel and other related administrative costs associated with the Police Department has caused the cost of these services to increase.

In Article 21. Chief Bailey stated that the Lisbon Police Dept. would increase its hours to Landaff up to an additional 5 hours per week, if needed. Jason Cartwright asked if in emergency and 911 was notified would Lisbon be the first to respond. Jenn responded that would be based on the situation. Chief Bailey advised that 911, as elsewhere, is short-handed and Lisbon is listed as First Responders and would have a duty to respond in an emergency.

In Article 22, Harry explained the need to replace the one-ton truck currently used by the Highway Dept. It has been used and will quite possibly not pass inspection. The Town has been in need of a replacement for the last couple of years and we will quickly need to do something. The Town needs a back-up truck with a plow, wings and sander. We are proposing a three-quarter truck ton pick-up truck with 8 ft. bed that a plow can be put on and that can stand the stainless steel sander to be used by the Highway Dept. as a second vehicle.

In Article 23, Jason Cartwright addressed the issue of being a small town with aging Fire Dept. Equipment. The Fire Dept. has received a grant for personnel gear this year. Grants are available for small towns and after speaking with the Littleton Fire Dept., a grant application was submitted on behalf of the Town for an updated tanker truck with a pump on it. Our existing tanker truck is over 30 years old with 100,000 plus miles on it. This is contingent upon the Town actually be awarded the grant.

In Article 24, Jenn explained completing the 2020 cyclical revaluation and the three options the Town has going forward. It was determined that an explanation of the options would be put on the website prior to the Town Meeting for residents.

In Article 30, Brenda Dodge, speaking on behalf of the Planning Board, explained the need to have future building needs identified under a Master Plan. The Planning Board would then make recommendations to the Select Board for Items such as, capital purchases, in the future.

In Article 31. Errol Peter stated that the revised site plan from 1990 had never been recorded. This is to rectify that situation.

In Article 32. Brenda Dodge the zoning ordinance needs to be a Warrant Article in order to Update the language of NHRSA.

There was some discussion as to the tax rate if all the Warrant Articles passed. Jenn advised she will go over all the review and expenses. She explained that the Select Board was in the process of cleaning up Quickbooks and making account listing sync with the DRA portal.

There were questions regarding the Road Agent position and how and why this position remains open at this time. The Select Board responded that there are many different reasons, salary may be one, but also getting a qualified applicant.

The issue of sand, gravel and paving the streets and questions were raised as to what are the plans in the upcoming good weather. The Select Board was informed that there are some low hanging tree limbs that should be cut as they are causing problems with some trucks along the road.

Claudia Lavoie stated that she found the breakdown of the cost of the warrant articles separately from the budget, very interesting. Therefore, the Select Board will continue to do so.

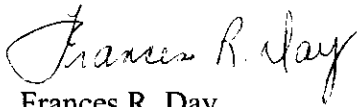
Jenn stated that the Board has consistently tried to keep the tax rate as close to the previous year as possible.

Harry explained GOFFER grant and broadband efforts in Grafton County. We have the grant money in the budget as deferred revenue waiting to be expended once the Town is ready.

Harry thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances R. Day

Harry McGovern

Denise Cartwright

Jenn Locke

