

Landaff Select Board Meeting
May 26, 2021
6 PM

Minutes

Present: Marilyn Booth, Harry McGovern, Jennifer Locke, Denise Cartwright, Errol Peters, Mike Ransmeier, Loyd Donellan, Brenda Dodge, and Reginald and Claudia Lavoie

Zoom: Gayle Clement, Robyn Gilmartin, Heidi Sagar

Harry called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Roll call was taken.

Marilyn let the board know that the emergency management mitigation plan is up for its one-year renewal. The plan is located in the select board office for review. She will email possible dates for a meeting. She also shared that the ACT is having a meeting on June 14 and is looking for new members. She is going to reach out to John Wright to see if he is interested.

Brenda Dodge made a request to have gravel spread on Albee Road. She also asked if there was any chloride available yet and Harry replied "Yes".

Robyn reported that the new assessors started working today and tomorrow. She noted Bethany was in yesterday prepping bills. She reported that the warrant articles had been paid. She provided information from Primex for cyber security for the town.

Denise asked Robyn if she had contacted Reverend Lyn yet about the parking lot. The response was no.

Gayle reported to the select board that Ron Howard is not interested in doing repairs to the town hall. Denise asked those present if anyone knew of someone who might be able to do the repairs. Errol recommended PF Construction and to contact Phil Fornier at 616-8649. Richard Fenoff was also suggested.

Errol Peters told the board that the town maps and master plan were not accurate. He noted lots on 112 and 116 that say they are government property.

Denise asked Robyn if she had prepared a draft letter for the property on Gale Chandler Rd. The response was no.

The title company used by the town of Landaff is Sanders Searches.

Denise asked Robyn if the MS232 Draft was prepared for the meeting. Robyn's reply was "not yet", she added, "she would contact Jaimie at the DRA for a possible extension and would email a draft when ready."

The ZBA and planning board are meeting together on June 14.

The board then began the discussion with Robyn concerning her performance. They noted that she requested the discussion be done in public session. They added that if she changed her mind, to just let them know.

Denise asked Robyn where the town employee files were located. She has the board's letter to Robyn to put in her file. Robyn replied that the files are under lock and key. Denise replied that she would come in next week during Robyn's work hours so it could be added to her file.

The discussion began with a request for Robyn to attend meetings in person. It was noted that communication flows better in person and there have been times when the board has needed something, such as last week's corrected minutes and Robyn was not there to retrieve them, and she did not know where they were. Robyn stated she has been doing her job of drafting the minutes but admitted she did not have last week's ready to review. Jenn thanked her for working hard on trying to get caught up and asked if going forward she could provide a draft on Tuesday before the next meeting so that they could be corrected and signed each week, that way we would be compliant with RSA 91. Robyn stated she would try.

Next, Harry brought up the issue of Robyn contacting NHMA for advice on abatements and whether they should be discussed in open or closed session. He added that in the future she should share her findings with the board, so we benefit from the information, as well. Mr. Ransmeier added that tax abatements not for hardship should be discussed in open session. Jenn added that in her research through NHMA, there were many gray areas over which could be protected, and which should not. Robyn brought up the fact that this was harassment against her. Denise replied that it was not the board's intention to harass her and that she should continue to let the board know when she feels she is being harassed. The board stated they would do further research on the subject. Robyn offered to do it, but the board told her that the MS232 extension and timber taxes were the more pressing issues for her to work on. Harry asked Robyn to give the board some examples of harassment. The two examples she gave were when Harry asked her if she knew how to budget and the sending of long emails which take up too much of her time to respond to.

There was a long discussion of the meeting where Robyn left abruptly, and the board was unsure if she had resigned. Robyn made accusations that the board was trying to go around her. She asked why the board did not call her and Jenn replied that with the way she left the prior meeting, the board did not feel comfortable calling her at home. Robyn had said she would be in on Thursday, but she did not come in. Gayle confirmed that Robyn said she would be in. An email was sent, but there was no response by Friday afternoon and the MS636 had to get filed. When we did finally get a response, Robyn said she had not resigned and would be in on Tuesday. However, there were 11.5 hours of work that Robyn put on her time sheet for Sunday and Monday. The board asked her what those hours were for when the MS636 was already done. Robyn replied research. She offered to start listing her activities on her time sheet and Harry agreed that would be helpful.

Harry brought up the issue about the assessors stating they had not received the signed contract. It was determined she had sent it, but it was overlooked. He asked her that going forward to cc the select board members, so we stay in the loop. Robyn replied that she would try.

Robyn asked for clarification on closed sessions on zoom. The board discussed it and Denise made a motion not to hold closed session on zoom. Jenn seconded it and the board approved the motion. One of the board members will take the minutes for closed session.

Brenda Dodge asked about a large abatement in the registry of deeds. Jen will talk to the tax collector to clarify.

Gayle noted that meeting time is still listed as 7pm on the website and the Tax Collector hours are incorrect. Jen will call Mary Beaudin to correct. Gayle also noted that the tax due date was July 1 and the Tax Collector doesn't work that day. Harry will contact Bethany to discuss this as well as the abatement forms.

The board reviewed minutes and will leave corrections for Robyn in her office.

Checks were signed. Mr. Ransmeier added that he hoped the board would meet in person soon to reduce misunderstandings and have better communication.

Mr. Donellan added that the board should try to minimize their use of closed session in the name of transparency.

Harry reported the safety committee is meeting on May 27 at 9 a.m. A contract for Sanders Searches was signed by the board.

Robyn reported that Timber Taxes go out on May 15. She is waiting on Bruce Barnum and some reports before everything is completed.

At 8:27 p.m. Jenn made a motion to adjourn, Denise seconded it and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Cartwright

Harry McGovern

Denise Cartwright



Jennifer Locke

