

Landaff Select Board Meeting
Landaff, NH
September 4, 2024
6 PM

Minutes

Present: Mary Beaudin, Rachael Booth, Jeff Nute, Road Agent, and Frances Day,
Administrative Assistant
Absent: Harry McGovern
Guests: Mary Bjelobrik. Candidate for State Rep. Dist. 5
Paul Varcak
Irene and Walter Tomaszewsky

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Board welcomed Mary Bjelobrik. Ms. Bjelobrik introduced herself and addressed the importance of the upcoming primary. She spoke a little about herself and her reasons for running for the position of District 5 State Rep. Ms. Bjelobrik thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and then left the session.

Paul Varcak inquired as to the status of the Fire Department Handbook. Fran explained that it is being reviewed by Hannah Devoe, Esq., from Drummond Woodsum. She is reviewing both the FD and Town Employee's Handbooks. Fran will contact her to ascertain the status of same and advise Paul of the outcome.

Paul stated his other concern was that he thought the Town should provide information on the candidates running for various State and local positions. Mary explained that this is not the responsibility of the Select Board, it is the responsibility of every person to be so informed prior to voting, not the responsibility of the Town. Paul then left the meeting.

The Board then directed their attention to Irene and Walter Tomaszewsky, who travelled from Connecticut to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Tomaszewsky explained that, at this time, they cannot proceed with the repair and construction of the culvert. The road was washed out and caused the culvert to be plugged and caused severe damage to their property. They are looking for some financial assistance, either from the Town or the State, to repair the culvert as they believe the cost could be as high as \$20,000.

Jeff explained that they could hire a professional engineer to get a hydraulic survey done as this was a unique situation. Rachel explained that she earlier today she looked into any funds/programs that might be available to them for damages caused by natural disasters. She

stressed that they do exist, but only if your main domicile is located on the property. Otherwise, there is no help as of this date.

Irene asked if the prior owner may have "pulled a building permit for a culvert". Fran explained that she had looked and there was no building permit in the records. Mr. Tomaszewsky stated that he was still waiting for another estimate to repair the culvert.

Unfortunately, the Select Board explained that the Town is not responsible for maintaining the driveway entrance or repairing the culvert as so stated in NH RSA 236:13:

"(T)he owners of the property to which the access is appurtenant shall have continuing responsibility for the adequacy of the access and any grades, culverts, or other structures pertaining to such access, whether or not located within the public right of way."

Mr. and Ms. Tomaszewsky stated that they did not have enough money to fix the culvert at this time, but would clean up the culvert as best they could. Again, Rachael reiterated that she researched FEMA funds available for natural disaster and none were available at this time. Mr. and Ms. Tomaszewsky left the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of July was reviewed and approved.

The minutes of August 21, 2024 were approved and made part of this report.

The Board then discussed the outcome of the property on Mill Brook Rd. It was determined in response to the letter of Aug. 1, 2024, the property is now in compliance.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rachael made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances R. Day



Mary Beaudin



Rachael Booth