

Landaff Select Board Meeting
Landaff, NH
October 19, 2022
6 PM

Minutes

Present: Denise Cartwright, Jenn Locke, Harry McGovern, Frances Day, Administrative Assistant, Mark Gustafson, and Cathy Feron
Guest: Matthew Copithorne

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll was taken.

Denise welcomed Mr. Copithorne to the meeting and asked how the Board may assist him. He stated that he was new to the area and just wanted to attend a meeting to become familiar with the Town.

Cathy Feron discussed the possibility of the Town's being able to complete automobile registrations so people would not have to go to another Town to complete same. She spoke with and obtained a copy of the Agreement and initial cost to the Town for this service to the public. Denise thought that this had been discussed as a possibility for some time and the Board agreed that this service is needed. The Board advised that they would like to review the entire agreement and discuss during one of the upcoming budget sessions for Town Meeting. Then bring it to Town Meeting for a Town vote. Denise thanked Cathy for taking the initiative and would welcome her attendance at a future meeting.

Cathy then reminded the Board that she will be absent for Tuesday, Nov 29, but will be in the office on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022 to replace her hours. The Board agreed and noted same.

Minutes were then approved and signed.

Mr. Gustafson, attending as a towns person, shared his concerns regarding people who were subdividing their properties possibly bringing more young families to Landaff and causing increased taxes. He informed the Board that there are others in town with similar concerns. Denise let him that subdivisions are allowed in the Landaff Zoning Ordinances, and as long as property owners follow the rules set there, they can sub-divide their property. Harry told Mr. Gustafson that attempting to keep any demographic out of town was discriminatory. Denise and Jenn explained that in order to have a healthy town, it must include people from every stage of life. Jenn added that a property that has been sub-divided into house lots actually helps shoulder the tax burden more than property in current use.

Mr. Gustafson expressed concern about outgrowing the Blue School and the Board explained that the numbers at the Blue School are significantly lower than they have been in past years and many more children would have to move to town before that would become an issue.

The Board let Mr. Gustafson know that if he continued to be concerned, he could certainly submit a petitioned warrant article for Town Meeting or he could run for a relevant Board in town. If elected, he could express his opinion through his votes on that Board.

Mark asked where he might find notifications of meetings for each of the Town's Boards. He did not see where they were posted so that they public could attend. He feels residents need to be notified of all meetings in order to attend. He did look through the newspaper(s) but did not see any notices. Jenn advised how notification and publication of meetings takes place by the various Town Boards.

Renewal contract was received from HealthTrust for the 2023 year. There will be slight increase in rate which needs to be taken into account for budgeting purposes. A notice was also received from Primex which indicates a slight increase. Fran was directed to include the notifications for upcoming budget work sessions.

Denise then asked Mark if he and Tom could set up the hall in preparation for Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 2022 during the week of Halloween.

The estimate received from John Barth for the pruning of the apple trees was reviewed. Fran was asked to send an email to Mr. Barth to proceed with pruning in later March or early April. The estimate will be reviewed at an upcoming budget work session to be included in next year's Town budget.

The application for credit received from Fisher Auto Parts was reviewed and discussed. Mark informed the Board that he has found many supply items to be cheaper and would like to Town to submit the application so that he can order from Fisher Auto Parts. Fran will call Fisher and complete the form for a credit application for the Highway Dept.

Denise then asked Jenn the status of recipient receiving assistance. Jenn advised that she needs to follow-up on the situation and make some telephone calls in order to have a better understanding of the situation.

Fran informed the Board that we have now received a letter informing the Board of intention to repurchase property in Town. Jenn asked Fran to send an e-mail to Matthew Decker, Esq. to advise and see what other information he may need to move forward.

Jenn then advised that she thought scheduling dates for budget work sessions would work and enable the Board and the Departments to meet specific deadlines. Decisions regarding encumbered funds should be made by the end of December. The second week of November has been targeted for Department budgets in draft form.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jenn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Harry

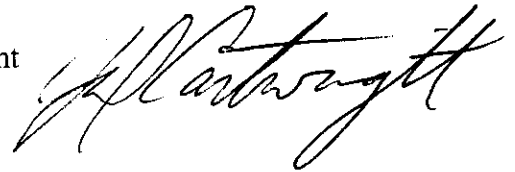
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances R. Day

Denise Cartwright



Jenn Locke

Harry McGovern

