

Landaff Select Board Meeting
Landaff, NH
October 30, 2024
6 PM

Minutes

Present: Mary Beaudin, Rachael Booth, Harry McGovern Jeffrey Nute, Road Agent, and
Frances Day, Administrative Assistant
Guest: Paul Varcak

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Harry asked Mr. Varcak to start the meeting. Paul related that he has been waiting for approximately two years for a copy of the Fire Department Policy Handbook. He was under the impression that there was a policy handbook being used by the Fire Department prior to his moving to Town. Mary explained that the Fire Department was attempting to put a handbook of their policies and practices together to advise and inform each of the volunteer members. Rachael reiterated that when the Select Board received a copy, it was determined that legal counsel should review beforehand to ensure it was correct and complete and some policies would appear in both, the Fire Department Handbook, as well as the Town's Employee Handbook. Unfortunately, this has taken more time than originally thought. Only drafts of both documents were returned with many changes which will need to be discussed by the Board. Hopefully, the process will be completed by year's end and the Fire Chief will be notified of same. Paul stated that he felt as though something was being withheld from him and his wife or that they were being singled out. Harry asked Paul if anyone from the Fire Department told him directly at any time that they could not become volunteers or that they were not wanted. Paul stated no to the question and then he left the meeting.

Harry then asked Jeff to review the estimate received for the culvert replacement project on Sym Noyes Rd. and the engineering services for Sym Noyes Rd. over Mill Brook. Jeff stated that the engineering and permitting work is \$24,800 and the bridge estimate for the structure is \$134,000. The dirt work and crane work would be the Town's expense. Jeff stated that he spoke with the Administrative Assistant in Sugar Hill and is putting together some information on what was paid for a very similar project there. She will email it to Jeff early next week. Jeff advised that the State needs a commitment from us as to whether or not we will be taking over the project ourselves, or if they will be moving forward with accelerating the project on a ten-year plan. Jeff stated that he will attend the next Board meeting with a package for review.

Harry asked about the mats currently ordered from Chris Crowe and Jeff stated that he is still waiting for mats. Chris is struggling with having enough help to mill and manufacture what we need. Chris stated that he hoped to have some to us next week. The State agency working on the

bridge wants Jeff to send drawings regarding the mat positions, when the project will begin, etc. They want to know what is going to be done but won't actually approve same. Jeff stated that we could go on their "list." We might remain on the list for approximately ten years and he estimates cost to raise by twenty (20%) per cent. There would be no harm to be on the list. Jeff needs to know which way the Board wishes to proceed.

Discussion then centered around the state's bridge report for the Town over near Gale Chandler Rd. by the dam which has been red listed for the last three years. We also have to consider the cost of the stone culvert on Merrill Mountain Rd. that needs replacement.

Jeff then noted that Pearl Lake Rd. will be paved on Wed., Nov. 6th, 2024 and he will send a notice to Sandy Brackett at the Ledger asking residents to avoid same if at all possible.

The Board discussed with Jeff snow plowing at the Blue School. The Board decided to continue the snow plowing arrangements for the upcoming winter season.

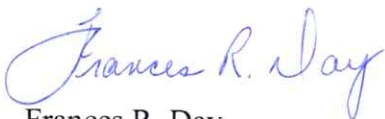
Rachel advised that Marilyn has been working with Paul Hatch to see if federal money might be available should the Governor declare a disaster.

The Board then reviewed the Memorandum sent by Richard Dorsett, Assessor, concerning the DRA Sales Ratio Survey for the 2024 tax year. After review the documents, Harry made a motion to accept and sign the 2024 DRA Sales Ratio Study and return same to the Assessor for filing with the DRA (Department of Revenue).

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



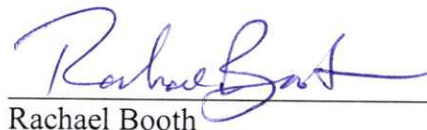
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