

Select Board Minutes | Town of Landgrove

April 27, 2023 – (8:04 am start- 9:21 am end)

Landgrove: Michael Jeffery, John Ogden, Steve Hall, Susan Lenox, Andrea Ogden

Guest: Erin Rodgers, Trout Unlimited

- Treasurers Report
 - Discussion of the use of the Unallocated Reserve Fund / Operating Fund
 - Determine methodology to manage the year ending balances in each account, based on cash flow forecast
 - Discussion of a future presentation and proposal regarding an end of year method to determine how much of the unallocated reserve fund would be needed for the following budget year
 - ARPA fund
 - \$23k out of \$47k spent
 - Neighborhood connections request for additional ARPA funds for transportation was not approved as it has been allocated towards other projects
- Sandbox
 - Two stage process for completion
 - Preparation phase (approvals and financing) and then build phase
 - Funding update
 - Discussion of conventional banks and financing the sand shed. Andrea has spoken to a local bank and they are interested in the prospect of funding the purchase of the land, but they requested support from the voters for the initiative
 - Michael Jeffery states that he is pursuing additional options for funding from another finance company, based on the findings from a third-party audit. Michael has requested a quote for such
- New Business
 - Discussion of restoration project and assistance from Trout Unlimited regarding the elements of the land acquisition and the time to complete, as well as environmental input
 - Leurich Field discussion of the removal of the culverts which would dissuade the beavers from building their dams
 - Bridge should be used for pedestrians, keep bridge restricted for vehicles
 - Kara Everts (not present) wishes to present the SB with the following link for consideration in the handling of beavers in Landgrove. She would like to know if you would like her to reach out to Protect Our Wildlife to see if they will provide aid in dealing with the beavers instead of extermination. She also would like it stated that the late Tom Dibble would have liked an alternate approach to extermination.
<https://www.protectourwildlifevt.org/>
 - SelectBoard states they are proceeding with the requisite amount of sensitivity to the situation and are not recommending or approving any inhumane approach. They feel the assistance of Trout Unlimited in removing the culverts will help with the issue long term

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- Kara may contact Protect Our Wildlife and if they want to take any action they would have to present to the Select Board
 - Kelly Pajala requests an update on the Town's representative to the Advisory Committee for the M.T. regional Recreation Director position
 - SB suggested Will Reed as the representative, and within a week Kelly Pajala can contact him for discussion
- Roads / buildings
 - Michael mentions areas of deep ruts left in the town that needed to be regraded
- Zoning
 - No update
- Hazard mitigation plan
 - In process, extended until October
- Animal Control update
 - Susan reached out to Pat Salo and is setting up time to speak
 - Michael sent out a notice to all non-registered dogs
- Announcements
- Public Comment
- Approval of previous meetings minutes
 - Approved
- Adjournment

Respectfully submitted: Susan Lenox, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer