**June 13 ,2023 – (8:11 am start - 10:03 am end)**

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Landgrove in person: Steve Hall, Michael Jeffery, Will Reed, Susan Lenox, Chrystal Cleary, Andrea Ogden

Guests: Pat Salo, Susan Collins

* Approval of previous meetings minutes
  + Voted and approved
* New Business
  + The Select Board of Landgrove regretfully announces the passing of John Ogden, a long time Select Board member and town resident. John’s substantial contribution was above and beyond the call of duty. His lifelong dedicated and love of the Town was felt by all, and his mark made upon the Town is longstanding. The Select Board thanks John deeply for all his guidance and impact. He will be sorely missed by all.
  + Motion to appoint Will Reed as replacement for John Ogden as interim Select Board member until the 2024 Town Meeting
    - Voted and approved by Michael and Steve
  + Motion to appoint Steve Hall as Chair
    - Voted and approved by Michael and Will
* Animal control
  + Assessment of animal control
    - Discussion regarding a new process for reporting and handling and public education and communication, in lieu of the hiring of an animal control officer
    - Pat Salo notes that his fee is $200 per month and $20 an hour plus mileage. He will work on an Ad Hoc basis for a $200 fee + $50/hr, + .55 cents per mile. He does have insurance on file with the Town
    - Select Board states they will deliberate upon the need for an officer and the implementation of a formal process
  + Update on beaver mitigation plan
    - Fish and wildlife appointment on Monday the 17th to receive State advice on minimization of conflict between the public and beavers, and possible funding to support the effort
      * State recommends a multi- pronged approach. Careful thinning of the population during sanctioned timeframes, addition of beaver baffles to drain water, and clearing of excess material without damage to the environment
    - Trout unlimited proposal for careful management of wetlands and possible funding of pedestrian bridge hopefully to minimize beaver impact on Town grounds
* Treasurers Report
  + Set Tax Rate for upcoming year
    - Discusses total real estate value of our Town as it relates to the tax rate, taxes paid by utility companies and also offsets for solar fields
    - Discussion of States new approach to appraisals and rotating 5-year appraisal term by sectioning the state
    - Discussion of budgets approved at Town Meeting
    - Motion to approve the general fund rate at 0.1055 and the roads at 0.1701 as presented by the Treasurer
      * Voted and approved unanimously
* Sandbox
  + Discussion and update on purchase and funding
    - Contract to purchase the land has been signed and countersigned
    - Steve outlines the need for a deferral permit for wastewater – application for the deferral permit is in process and it is expected to be completed soon.
    - Funding – Michael spoke with the VT Bond Bank and M&T on possible funding. The structure and rates are much more favorable from the VT Bond Bank. Discussion of timing to receive funding based on the process to procure funds including audits and required votes. Projected timing is for receipt of funds in 2024 and construction by the end of 2024
* Roads / buildings
  + Recent “July 10, 2023 Storm” review
    - Road Commissioner immediately drove all roads for inspection and mapped incidents
    - Damage on Uphill, Old County and Landgrove Road were fixed in record time
      * A special thank you from the Road Commissioner to the Landgrove Road repair team: Jay, CJ and Hunter Excavation for their unprecedented quick response
      * Repairs to continue on all areas of concern on Ridge, Cody and Landgrove Roads
    - VTrans bridge inspection
      * VTrans offer to inspect bridges post storm impact. The Town is applying to have these inspections done to assess possible damage and repair
* Zoning
  + No updates
* Hazard mitigation
  + In production, waiting on consultant
  + The Clerk discusses the assessment of the Town Hall as an emergency shelter
    - Select Board appoints the Clerk as the representative to discuss the Municipal Energy Resource Plan of 2024, which identifies areas of possible grant funding in 2024 to enable the Town Hall to be able to be used as an emergency shelter
* Announcements
  + None
* Public Comment
  + Susan Collins requested that the Town document resources for hazard resources and the need for greater communication before and during a disaster
* Adjournment
  + Voted and approved 10: 07 am

Respectfully submitted: Susan Lenox, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer