

## Select Board Minutes | Town of Landgrove

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September 14, 2023 – (8:11 am start – 9:58 am end)

Landgrove in person: Steve Hall, Susan Lenox, Will Reed, Jonathan Bigelow

Guests: Erin Rodgers (Trout Unlimited)

1. - Approval of previous meetings minutes

- Approved and accepted.

2. Animal control

3. Trout Unlimited (TU): \*\*Erin was at the meeting more for the Sand shed driveway and wetland restoration work not the Animal control aspect. The potential bridge is part of the restoration work, which helps with beavers.\*\*

□ Erin Rodgers , who is helping Landgrove with a wetland restoration project at the old sand storage location, stopped by to get an update on where we were on our sand pile relocation work so she could get a sense of when the restoration work schedule might occur. We expressed our goal of trying to close on the new land soon. Landgrove would like to try to get the driveway completed and enough site work done to be able to store sand at the new location this year. She said she could do the work into November, if weather allows and Landgrove has its new location developed.

□ An option for a pedestrian bridge at Leurich Field was discussed. This bridge would also be accommodated with a side forging river crossing next to the bridge for vehicle field access. This would allow us to remove the culvert and eliminate a convenient spot for the beavers to build their dams. The SB is still contemplating whether this is needed or not, which has a lot to do with how the wetland restoration work affects the beaver activity, as well as cost. Erin suggested inquiring with a specific pedestrian bridge building company that is located in Vermont and works throughout the region.

□ Erin also discussed the various stream work they are planning elsewhere along the Utlely Brook as part of TU's work to restore fish habitat. This may include using some of the trees that we will be cutting when the new driveway for the town shed gets built to stabilize banks and create better fish shelter.

4. Old Business

○ Blue Flame Update

□ Steve shared the email Harry Lux (ZBA) wrote to Merrill Bent(Town Attorney) expressing what we talked about at the previous meeting, and Merrill's reply.

*The selectboard just met and approved up to \$5000 to defend this application decision with the understanding that you would let them know when they are getting close and give them a chance to reassess at that time. They had a few areas of concern that they wanted to express:*

- *In support of the town plan and the wishes of the citizens, they felt this was not the best place for this development project.*
- *They wanted to ensure that this project would have sufficient screening and be as safe as possible with the understanding that the project, if approved, would have to meet strict safety standards with inspections. There was still a concern about liability if something happened after the fact and what would the Town's liability be in that case given we denied the application and we would be overruled by the Environmental court. If you could comment on the liability.*
- *The traffic concerns were a large part of their discussion considering the inflow and outflow around that entrance and route 11 and they want to ensure the safety of their community.*
- *They wanted to make sure you were representing us to defend the bylaws which is what you outlined in your last summary email.*
- *They are considering sending someone(s) to the site visit when that is scheduled, so please let them know.*

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- Interlocal agreement for Recreation Coordinator
- Final draft approved by Select Board. Interviews to be conducted by the end of the month
- Emergency Management Coordinator Role
- Jonathan Bigelow accepted our invitation to be the new Emergency Management Coordinators. Susan explained what his roll would entail and the SB voted and approved his appointment.
- Susan and Jonathan will meet to review the current Emergency Management Plan

### 5. Treasurers Report

- None
- Pay orders signed

### 6. Sandbox Land Purchase Update

- Close date- none yet but expected soon. Waiting for seller's to process the purchase agreement requirements. We are also waiting for the surveyor to finish flagging the new property.

### 7. Roads / buildings

- Road repair update: almost done with road repairs, but still trying to solve for culvert cleaning and associated costs
- FEMA registration complete- intake call scheduled 9/21/23

### 8. Hazard mitigation plan

- In production and first draft being reviewed, will be sent to a select number of people for approval
- Emergency Management Plan under review

### 10. Announcements

- None

### 11. Public Comment

- None

### 14. Next Meeting

- Confirmed for Thursday Sept 28 at 8 AM

### 13. Adjournment

- Approved and adjourned: 9:58 am

Respectfully submitted: Susan Lenox, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer