**December 28, 2023 : 8:00 AM**

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**SB Member: Michael Jeffery, Will Reed, Steve Hall**

**Landgrove Officials: Harry Lux (PC/ZBA Chair), Will Goodwin (ZA)**

**Guests: Liam Elio (new rec. director)**

1. **Call Meeting to order**
   * + Meeting called to order at 8:07am
2. **Additions, deletions, changes**
   * + Motion was made to move item 7a (By-Law review hearing) to item 3
3. **Minutes Approval – Meeting December 14, 2023**
   * + Approved
4. **Announcements & Correspondence** 
   * + Chrystal, Andrea and Susan enjoyed the day off as the Town Hall was officially closed today for the holidays.
5. **Visitors & Public comments**
   * + Liam Elio, the newly hired recreations director stopped in to introduce himself.
6. **Treasury Report:**
   1. **Select Board pay orders** 
      * none
   2. **Budget Spreadsheet updates**
      * none
7. **New Business**
   1. **New By-Law revisions review hearing – public hearing to review changes to the town’s By-Laws** 
      * Will Goodwin (ZA) presented the revised By-Laws to the Select Board. Discussion was had regarding wordage around building colors for buildings in the UFSO (Utley Flats Scenic Overlay District) and the new ridge line /steep slope regulations. The words; traditional Vermont vernacular colors for the UFSO and natural colors that blend in with the surrounding landscape will be incorporated instead of the previous “neutral colors”, which seemed too vague. There were discussions around driveway specs. for subdivisions and clarity on tree cutting in the UFSO.
   2. **2024 Budget: continue budget talks.** 
      * **Fire truck funding** : A cost analysis of future fire truck purchasing needs was evaluated and it was determined the town needs to increase the Fire Truck Fund to $8000 (currently $6500) for 2024 and increase that amount by $100 per year to keep up with the forecasted new fire truck needs. Landgrove will need to fund the second payment of Londonderry’s newly purchased fire truck ($40k in total with $20k paid in 2023 and the $20k balance due in 2024). Since our Fire Truck fund was only created in 2019, it didn’t have enough time to create enough money to cover this new truck purchase. It was decided that the town will fund this $20k payment from the Unallocated Reserve Fund instead of asking the tax payers to fund it in one tax year.
      * **Town equipment funding :** A cost analysis was done on the town’s equipment fund and its future equipment replacement needs as well. The select board is working on the town’s future equipment needs and how best to setup the fund so the town will be able to cover the future costs.
   3. **Review changes made to the budget from the last meeting.**
      * Unable to meet with the Treasurer as she was on holiday
   4. **Zoning Permit fee review**
      * The zoning fees were reviewed with Will Goodwin. The select board’s goal is to simplify and have fair permit fees and not have residential permits based on square footage. Discussion was had regarding the zoning permit fees do not need to be entirely covered by the permit fees as the whole town benefits from the zoning permit process and should be willing to carry some of the cost burden. Steve will present a preliminary fee schedule at the next meeting
8. **Old business**
   1. **Sand shed**
      * **Driveway update** : the driveway is completed and the site is cleared. Looks great and we thank Hunter Excavating for getting the project completed in a quick manner.
   2. **Roads, culverts and gravel**
      * **FEMA grant updates:** no new updates
   3. **Zoom Equipment** – **review location and electrical needs**
      * No update
9. **Next Meeting** 
   * + January 11, 2024 8:00am
10. **Adjournment** 
    * + Meeting adjourned at 9:58