**March 28, 2024 : 8 AM**

GRANTS IN AID SFY 24:

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

**Landgrove Officials: Will Goodwin ZA**

**Guests: Martina Barnes District Ranger USFS , Chrystal Cleary (as a residence of Landgrove), Jay Merrill**

1. **Call Meeting to order**
   1. Meeting was called to order at 8:09am
2. **Additions, deletions, changes**
   1. Motion was made to hear from Martina Barnes regarding the proposed Velomont trail and logging operations before proceeding with rest of agenda: approved
   2. Motion was made to hear from Jay Merrill regarding the New Plow Truck following Velomont discussion.: approved
3. **Visit from the Rangers who wish to discuss the construction of the Velomont Bike Trail** 
   1. Martina Barnes, the district ranger for the USFS, discussed the logging operations taking place out on Danby Mt Tabor Road and future potential wildlife habitat restoration areas. There is no confirmed schedule for the logging to resume on Danby/Mt Tabor Rd. at this time.

She also discussed the current planned route of the newly proposed Velomont trail that will be a continuous biking trail from the Massachusetts border to Canada ( <https://velomonttrail.org/> ).

Chrystal shared her personal knowledge of the forest the proposed trail section, between the South Rd. in Peru and Landgrove Hollow Road, would be going through. She has spent a lot of time in those woods over the years and noted the diverse animal and plant population she has seen. Her feeling is this area is too wet and sensitive to support the proposed trail and suggested that they consider routing the trail up South Road and through the village of Peru where it could reconnect to the proposed trail further north on Hapgood Pond Road. Some discussion was had regarding safe places to cross route 11 and the amount of bikers who may use the trail.

Martina suggested they get together in May to walk the proposed trail.

1. **New Plow Truck-**
   1. Steve discussed conversations he had with several Northern Star truck dealers from NY, NH and Maine. There is a long waiting period for truck chassis but an even longer wait for plow/sanding packages. The SB has a quote for a truck that they would like to pursue but Jay wants to look into the 4x4 options to confirm reliability. The SB will be deciding at the next SB meeting
2. **Minutes Approval** – **Meeting March 14, 2024**
   1. Approved
3. **Announcements & Correspondence** 
   1. A new United States flag has been hung on the town hall’s flag pole along with a new Vermont State flag.
4. **Visitors & Public comments**
   1. None
5. **Treasury Report:**
   1. **Select Board pay orders**
      * Pay Orders were reviewed and signed
6. **New Business**
   1. **Discuss the “Declaration of Inclusion” initiative**
      * The select board discussed the initiative and felt it was outside of their scope to decide whether the town, as a whole, should participate.
7. **Old business**
   1. **Plow Truck purchase updates** (see 4 above)
   2. **Review revised zoning application fees prepared by Will Goodwin**
      * Will did not have anything prepared at this time and will present his revisions at the next SB meeting
   3. **Sand Shed Project updates**
      * The lot survey was done last week and we are waiting to hear from MSK for the preliminary site plans
   4. **Roads, culverts and gravel** 
      * Steve and Andrea met with Meghan Brunk (VTran rep) on Wednesday to review and initiate the Class-2 roads grant that will be used to resurface a significate amount of Landgrove Road. The grant application is due by April 15th and work can start after July 1st.
      * **FEMA grant updates**
        + Susan was in an online training class and was unable to attend but noted the grants have been spilt into 2 specific categories for culvert and non-culvert roads. She also noted that Landgrove Rd (from Weston to Hapgood Pond Road) and Hapgood Road where removed from the FEMA grant and moved to a different State Road Emergency Grant program. Progress is moving slowly through the FEMA sytem.
   5. **Zoom Equipment** 
      * Susan will be receiving the last of the zoom equipment pieces on the 29th and will have everything temporarily setup at the town hall for the April 11th meeting. Once this is done we can locate where we need to have an electrician install additional electrical outlets, etc. for everything to operate nicely.
8. **Next Meeting**
   * April 11, 2024 @ 8 am
9. **Adjournment** 9:40am