

Town of Landgrove Select Board Meeting 6/11/15

Present: Seth Bigelow, John Ogden, Greg Eckhardt, Andrea Ogden, Jay Merrill, Jeremiah Evarts Absent: Chrystal Cleary

Meeting called to order at 8:16am.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Roads: Jeremiah asked Jay to explain the general plan for the summer. The next project is to lay more gravel on Cody Road from the swamp above Mostollers through to the town line. The supposition is that the roadway that is too low and every time it rains the water is problematic. Jaquith Road has a similar problem. Jay believes a good 6 or 8 inches and a good crown will fundamentally improve the problem. Given that Landgrove Road may be eligible for grant money, it was agreed that the first two areas of focus would be Jaquith and the upper portion of Cody Road.

It was agreed that Jay could buy a pole saw to facilitate limbing on Uphill Road.

Town Forests: Seth presented an update on the Town Forest projects. The plaque noting the entrance to the Pitcher Forest is not attached. Seth recommended that the plaque be mounted permanently on the rock that it is currently resting on. Select Board agreed. Kyle is working on a management plan so that the Pitcher Forest can be entered into the Tree Farm program. The Evarts Forest has already been entered and is the first one in Bennington County.

Seth opened the discussion on the tree in Bobby Usher's driveway. He presented a thorough report of the status of the ailing tree. It was agreed that the base of the tree is not in the Town right of way. Therefore, despite the risk of the tree falling in the road, it does not fall into our jurisdiction. John will discuss the matter with Bobby.

An agreement has been reached between The Morfits and the Town regarding the Comfort Forest. Lexi noted that he cannot represent the town in the land sale. Jeremiah will contact Rob Woolmington regarding this sale.

Town Shed: The Select Board agreed to continue their diligence in locating a Town Shed site. John has agreed to contact Lexi to discuss the legality of using the current sand pile site. John agreed to either mow Leurich field or contact Cameron or Karl to do the same.

Use of Town Hall Schoolroom: The Select Board discussed the schoolroom usage policy, relative to the summer camp that John Hadden is planning on holding here. Margaret Cobb, the Town Clerk from Peru, was contacted and put on speakerphone

regarding their building use policy. They have a written application process. Also, the person making the application must be a town resident. Their room use fee is \$25 per event and an additional \$10 is the kitchen is included, although the Select Board does have flexibility to negotiate a different rate. They do not charge AA or Girl Scouts because they are non-profit. They also require a \$50 damage deposit that must be presented in check form. Margaret agreed to send us their Use Application and Andrea will edit it for our use and send it along to John Hadden.

Meeting adjourned: 9:23am