

SelectBoard December 9th 2021

Attendance: John Ogden, Steve Hall, Michael Jeffery, Chrystal Cleary, Will Goodwin, Andrea Ogden

Call to order: 8:10 am

Treasurer Andrea discussed the closing of the budget year, and that the Auditors are on track- this will save us work and stress in January as we get the budget for next year ready for Town Meeting. The SB and Treasurer decided go over a first draft of the budget on Dec 23rd SB meeting, and then dedicate January 13th's SB meeting to JUST the Budget.

Speaking of Town Meeting... Chrystal and John have been searching out information on the feasibility and legality of zoom access to Town Meeting, if the equipment can be sourced and purchased, installed in time for this year. Since the removal of the State of Emergency, Towns must go back to their usual form of Town Meeting- ours is a Floor Vote Meeting. There cannot be Australian (pre-printed) ballots, absentee ballots, early voting. There is ONLY the floor vote, as usual in Landgrove. Zoom access to the meeting is not legally required, but may be offered as a convenience. So far neither rejoin nor Chrystal has found information regarding floor-voting by zoom, the remote access would only allow the remote participants to hear the meeting, ask questions, participate in discussion, as far as we can tell. Action: Chrystal will call VLCT or the SOS office for clarification on remote floor vote meetings to be sure of the law.

John has been in touch with Logitech about the same type of system they set up for Neighborhood Connections, for our Town Hall. The proposed set of gear needs some trimming down, however as the list is indicative of some ambitious upsetting on the part of the salesman. John is paring it down to a more appropriate level and getting back to him.

The Town Copier/scanner/fax machine is nearing the end of its repairable life. Chrystal and/or Andrea will be in touch with Magee about options for a new one in the coming year and get an idea of how much should be budgeted for it.

Broadband efforts: The CUD- plans for Landgrove are not in the works anytime soon. Years and years. A State effort- could be worked out with Comcast. Ellen Hume is doing a mailing to encourage Landgrove residents to apply for the LECAP connection grants- even if ineligible (not a resident) to show how many homes need service. A federal program is also possible, which would go through Consolidated, but all of these efforts are still works in progress.

Will Goodwin shared a draft and some comparable from other towns of a new Highway Access Permit - he and Steve will work on this some more.

The idea to make a page in the Town report that more easily directs folks to contacts for common handy info: Burn Permits, Zoning permits/questions, etc.

Sandbox progress remains mired in Wetland Permit limbo. Steve and John worked out who will check with the engineer and the Permit officer to advance the ball here, as the Town is trying desperately to resolve one water problem of the uncovered sand pile leaching out into Utey Brook, by moving it to the new location and getting it covered, so an access road across the edge of the marsh is a "lesser evil" in a town with few options.

Andrea: Merrills X billed for the rental of the loader at the same rate as last year. And Jay also stopped in during the meeting to sign the Winter Contract for this season.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 am