

SelectBoard November 18, 2021 8 am

Attended by John Ogden, Michael Jeffery, Steve Hall, Chrystal Cleary

- the Minutes from the October 28th meeting were approved

Old business

- Sandbox progress has hit some snags: The permit to access the parcel through the proposed Right of Way as mapped has been deemed too much in the wetlands by the State. The grant application to fund the construction of the sandbox building itself did not make the cut for funding in a crowded field of applicants. **Actions:** Steve will speak with Jason the engineer about mapping access further from the wetland itself. John will speak with Zapata (wetlands specialist at the the State) to try to work out concerns with the access way and make the case about how the Town is trying to solve a worse wetlands problem with the current sand pile location. The Planning Commission has deferred the subdivision approval of the parcel until the wetlands situation is sorted out.

- Debris blower has been purchased and is awaiting pickup. **Action:** Steve is coordinating picking that up with his truck.
- Conference Call System- John has sourced the system at Neighborhood Connections and is in conversation with Logitech, the company that put that together, to build the same for Town Hall. **Action:** John will continue to follow up with Logitech,
- Land records are still out for scanning at RecordsForce. A few requests for records that cannot wait were submitted for scanning for various searchers. The NEMRC Land records module was installed successfully and awaits the upload of scanned records. **Action:** Chrystal will continue to press for progress and will send the records to the searchers.

New business

- Winter Roads Contract was signed by the SB and will be offered to Merrills X at the same terms- it begins this year on Nov 29, the first Monday after Thanksgiving, and is in effect for 20 weeks.
- The contract to rent the loader for the sand was also approved by the SB with the same terms as last year.
- The 2021 ditching grant for Old County West has been completed and submitted.
- John attended a presentation about a Community Fieldhouse proposed for the Rec Park in Manchester. It is proposed that the voters of each Town will be asked to approve a contributory expenditure toward the Fieldhouse based on the population of each, Landgrove's proposed ask is \$109,000. Some discussion of the realistic use of the track and space in the Fieldhouse was bandied about, as was the process of the voted Question. We will see what the Fieldhouse folks do.
- Speaking of Town Meeting, Chrystal reminded the SB that with the lifting of the state of Emergency Towns who conduct Town Meeting by floor vote return to Floor Vote process for 2022, so there will be no early or absentee voting, only the Floor Vote as usual will decide Questions. The SB has asked about conducting a hybrid Town Meeting with a Zoom option (assuming we can get the Logitech system purchased and up and running by then). **Action** Chrystal will research with the SOS and VLCT how a Floor Vote would be legally conducted with some participants being via Zoom and not physically present, if possible.
- Michael reminded the SB that it had voted to purchase electronic speed signs for the Village and Little Michigan Rd/Landgrove Rd corner. This hasn't been done partially due to the fact that there is no place to store them in winter, and the difficulty of progressing on the Sandbox, repairs to roads/ corners/guardrails has taken priority. **Action:** Steve will research and find a radar sign to try in the village for next year.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30am

- The next SB Meeting will be December 9th at 8 am.