

Draft Minutes

Landgrove Selectboard Meeting- 8/28/2014 6:00pm

Landgrove Town Hall, 88 Landgrove Road, Landgrove VT

Attendance: Greg Eckhardt, Jeremiah Evarts, John Ogden, Andrea Ogden, Chrystal Cleary, Seth Bigelow (Conservation Commission),

- Comfort Forest- Attorney Lexi Young has reviewed the deed from Barbara Comfort to the Town and sees nothing there prohibiting the sale. There are a few restrictions that pass on to any buyer (eg. water rights and no building). There remains the discrepancy in acreage between the deed (+/- 13 ac) and the Grand List (8 ac), Jerry is going to call Bobby Waite.
- Seth Bigelow of the Conservation Commission says the CC would like to see no net loss in Town Forest area, and that money from the sale of any Town Forest should be used to procure future public lands.
- The Selectboard expressed the following points in discussion:
 - a. Any Town lands given "in Memory" need to stay public.
 - b. How much public land does the Town need for 135 people, considering we are surrounded by the National Forest?
 - c. It is fiscally responsible for the Town to return surplus or inaccessible lands to the tax rolls.
 - d. If the CC has its eye on a piece of land, make a proposal, illustrating value. The Selectboard cannot commit to the principle of replacement.
 - e. The public doesn't use all the public lands we have: ie: Leurich Field could be so much more if the Town could improve it (drainage, field, playground, etc.)
- Seth replied that the CC tries to manage public land so that it does benefit people. (ie: Pitcher Forest has been managed for better growth, a walking path, etc.)
- Sandpile Storage- Jerry said the Town will be receiving a letter from Agency of Natural Resources saying Landgrove's storage of the sand where it is, is grandfathered and the complaint is closed. With that in mind, should the Town give up on finding a new site and develop the existing site with drainage improvements and raising the ground, a nice looking town barn?
- Property assessment appeals- Bennett and Laverack are appealing to Superior Court, Chrystal has sent copies of all proceedings and exhibits presented to Rob Woolmington.
- Roads Business- John has delivered the fuel pump and told CJ, Jay, Steve and Karl that it's here and ready to be installed. The conex has not been purchased yet.
- Cemetery Improvements continue and look good.
- Zoning: Chalmers- still waiting on Weston for the permit.
- Tabled: review of Town Lands, Pitcher Forest slash cleanup

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Chrystal Cleary Town Clerk