

Landaff Select Board Meeting
Landaff, NH
January 11, 2023
6 PM

Minutes

Present: Denise Cartwright, Jenn Locke, Harry McGovern, Cathy Ferony, Deputy Town Clerk and Frances Day, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Police Chief Ben Bailey, Lisbon and Police Chief Todd Eck, Bath
Marilyn Booth, Emergency Management Director

Meeting was called to order at 6:22 p.m. Roll was taken.

Minutes from Dec. 28 2022 meeting were reviewed and revised.

Denise welcomed the Chiefs to the meeting. Chief Eck explained that the current state of law enforcement is insufficient and not sustainable to protect the local towns round the clock. At this particular time, there is no coverage in the early morning hours. There are not enough police officers to cover the area for 24/7 and the taxpayers of one town could not sustain the amount of coverage needed. Both Chief Bailey and Chief Eck have been discussing and brainstorming the possibility of a plan whereby several surrounding towns would contribute to form a regional police presence which would make more officers available. There could be 8 full time officers; a full time chief, a part time prosecutor and an administrative assistant. Chief Bailey underscored that, at this time, this is just an idea open for discussion. He did, however, want to see if a warrant article could be drafted to see if the town would have any interest in participating in a study commission to determine if this would be fiscally responsible. For 2023, there would be no cost to set up this study commission. Chief Bailey believes that this direction may benefit everyone and would like to give it serious consideration. The study commission should include one or two select board members and a number of town's people. There could be no limit to the number who could participate. The Chiefs have discussed this matter with the State Police who understand and have no position at this time. Chief Bailey stated there are grants available to off-set expenses. Jenn asked that the Chiefs communicate with the board as to the wording of the warrant article. The Chiefs thanked the board for their attention and left the meeting.

Denise then welcomed Marilyn Booth, Emergency Management Director to the meeting. After the events of last month's storm, she was concerned about the residents and asked that the town update and revise the emergency management form. The form would be a handout to be included in the Town Report and would be voluntary and confidential. The Fire Dept. would be apprised of any medical needs in the community and would help to check on those who may need help. Marilyn will work on putting a team together and will draft a letter/information form.

Harry suggested the possibility of a telephone tree which could be used by members of the Fire Dept. to incorporate the use of two -way radios. Marilyn then left the meeting

Cathy Ferony, Deputy Town Clerk, advised the Board that she is still waiting for pricing from the DMV. Cathy advised that she is working on the notices for the newspapers with regard to the elections, etc. She also is working on the Declaration of Candidacy form at this time.

Harry advised the Board that he applied for the FEMA State Damage Assessment for 12/22 winter storm.

At 8:31 p.m. Denise made a motion seconded by Jenn to go into closed session for matters of personnel.

At 9:06 p.m. the meeting returned to regular session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Denise made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Harry.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances R. Day

Denise Cartwright



Jenn Locke



Harry McGovern



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Closed Session

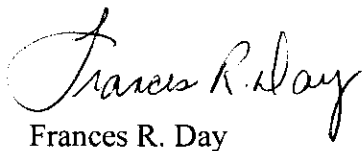
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Administrative Assistant

Meeting was called to order at 8:58 p.m. to discuss personnel matters related to bonuses and annual pay raises.

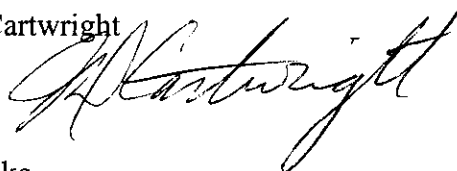
At 9:00 p.m. Denise made a motion to return to regular session. Jenn seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

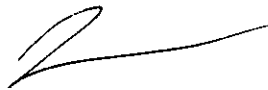
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