

Selectmen Meeting Minutes –October 9, 2019

PRESENT:

Selectmen Chair: Michael Ransmeier

Selectmen: Jennifer Locke, Harry McGovern

Administrative Assistant: Not present

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM

Harry McGovern moved to enter a non-public session based on RSA 91-A:3, II(e), Jenn 2nd the motion. All 3 voted yes to enter non-public session as of 7:12PM.

Non-public session:

PSNH has proposed that for 2014, 2015, 2016 years the Town of Landaff pays the amount of \$7165.00 for 2014, \$3772.00 for 2015, and \$3967.00 for 2016 for a total of \$14,904.00 to close out the cases before the BTLA.

If the Town does not settle, the legal and expert witness fees for trial could easily exceed the settlement amount. In addition, the assessors evaluated value of the utilities in town have decreased by roughly \$180,000 over that period which would result in the town, at a minimum, having to pay abatement fees for that difference at an interest rate established by the BTLA of 6%, with the risk of the BTLA assigning additional abatement amounts. The PSNH proposal waived any claim for interest for the years in question.

As a result the Selectmen determined that the lawyer's recommendation that the Town accept the PSNH proposal is in the best interest of the town. The outcome of the 2017 year is still outstanding, and subsequent years will fall under the new methodologies being established by the legislation.


Michael Ransmeier moved to accept the proposal, Jennifer Locke 2nd it and all 3 voted yes.

Harry McGovern voted to close the non-public session, Michael Ransmeier 2nd the motion, and all 3 voted yes at 7:42PM.

Jennifer Locke moved to close the public meeting, Michael Ransmeier 2nd it, the meeting was closed at 7:43PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved on October 9, 2019 by the following members of the Board:


Michael M. Ransmeier


Jennifer L. Locke


Harold McGovern