

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2023

Meeting Opened at 6PM

John opened the meeting at 6PM for a potential sale of Town Owned Property, second meeting for 71 Sokokis Trail North. The owner has asked that Heath Edgerly represent him in the conversation. Unfortunately, the computer stream is not working and is only live on TV but is being recorded and will be available tomorrow.

The meeting was left last week to take some information to Mr. Gil to review. The goal of the meeting is to not rehash everything from last week. Heath found some new information; the Board did receive a copy of the letter from the lawyer and gave Heath a copy as well.

Heath believes that when Trio was put online that Map 29 has gone among the missing with the Carroll property, he thinks that the issues all began when that started in 2009. He also found out that Mr. Gil's land was surveyed in 2006, a friend of a friend did it. He did not let the Town know that he had it done, Heath claims he did not understand the process.

Heath confirmed that Mr. Gill does not want to enter into an agreement with the Town to redeem his property, Heath said he will go to court with it. John looking for a motion to offer 71 Sokokis Trail, Map 22, Lot 30 for auction at the quickest time as prescribed by law, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**. John will get all the information to Natalie so she will have all the dates and the Town will have her oversee the proceedings and time frame to put it to auction and move forward, four in **favor**, one **opposed**. The Board took a break and will reintervene at 7:00PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

John opened the meeting with the flag salute at 6:00 PM

SELECT BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

John Medici, Ron Smith, Katie Proctor, Wade Andrews, Gil Harris

ATTENDEES: Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Cheryl Edgerly, Charlie Pellegrino, Nick Storer, Ricky Richardson, Deb Jeffers, Neal Meltzer, Cindy Smith, Merrill Farrand, Mike Fitzpatrick, Diane Shepard

MINUTES:

Approve minutes of February 6th meeting: Katie **motioned** to approve the minutes; Ron **seconded**; **all** were in favor, Alesha will fix one correction in the Transfer Station report, the word interest to increase.

WARRANT:

Motion to accept warrants: Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Motion to accept warrants officially from 2/6/23: Gil **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Ron read the announcements.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sokokis Lake Association Secretary, Diane Shepard: She thanked the Town of Limerick for the grants towards the CDI Program that they have in place. They are extremely helpful, and they are hopeful to receive the grant again this year. Last year they spent \$7500 just on the CDI program alone, they also pay for surveys to be done so they can help contain invasive plants in the lake. They had one last year that they really have to keep an eye on but on the whole the program is running very well. With the raising and lowering of the lake, John asked if someone from the committee could come up closer to nicer weather and explain to the Town when, why, where and how they decide to raise and lower the lake and if there is anything from the Town or Road Commissioner that they need for the process to make it easier.

Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, President, and Vice President of the Lake Arrowhead Association, Mike Fitzpatrick: Discussed the infestation of a non-aquatic specie and milfoil in the lake for three years now. There is also a floating plant that is not invasive yet, but he believes it will become that. DEP asked them to take on a different type of management plan for the year, when they met with them in the fall, they introduced the concept of using chemicals for the very first time. They are very protective of what goes in the lake since the lake borders the Lake Arrowhead well systems. The water committee did some research with the Hydrologists and decided to be safe and do a pilot test area in the brown brook area. The DEP is proposing a chemical called procellacor to treat milfoil in the early summer, they are already treating in the Belgrades and there has been no harm to the drinking water that the DEP is reporting. It is a process they have to go through, but they own the permit, and they have to go to another department in the DEP called the Department of Water Quality and they sign off on the permit so they can apply it. The DEP then will give the surrounding towns in the community and anybody within a 1000ft of where the application of the chemical will happen so they will get a notification. Mike had a lot of great information and was very informative about protecting the lake, the natural resources and wells. Mike raises close to \$96,000 each year in grant money to fund 4 divers on the lake 40 hours a week in the summer along with a boat captain on each boat. OSHA requires two divers on each boat at all times which happened about 4 years ago, so his operating expenses have doubled. Each treatment is expense and DEP does not pay for all of it, so they do a lot of fundraising. Their money goes directly into harvesting and taking care of the lake.

Cindy Smith, Librarian: A hiring committee of Library Trustees completed the interview process for several applicants and the Bylaws state that Trustees do the hiring and then make a recommendation to the Board to do the hiring. The Library Board of Trustees has recommended to hire Kate Martin as the Library Assistant pending a background check. John looking for a motion to employ Kate Martin in the Library pending an adequate background check, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, all in favor.

They are encouraging people to be a part of the Great Backyard Bird count, further information can be found by going to birdcount.org, this is worldwide and is a citizen science project. They have a make a Valentine craft project table, you may pop in at any time on Tuesday, they are open 9-6pm. All of the supplies are available to use for this project. They are also adding to their library of things, they have added back packs with birding, nature, night sky and insect viewing. They also have ukuleles, digital multi-meter, voltage meter, vehicle code reader, telescope, metal

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detector, bubble machine, kilowatt detector, puzzles and games. Please stop in and see what is available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Building Update- No new update.

Bandstand update to repair- Neal Meltzer has been working diligently with the contractor from Limerick Steeple Jack. He has applied for the building permit which Stan approved. There is an additional permit that the DEP requires when demolishing a building even though this is not technically a building that is being demolished. Neal will be submitting that tomorrow. He asked that the Select Board waive the fee for the building permit since it is a Town project. John looking for a motion to waive the building permit fees and transfer station fees for disposal related to this project, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

The first order of business of the contractor is to add some temporary bracing on the bandstand so it does not lean any further than it already is. He will also be removing some snow around the perimeter so they can work and will be taking some shingles off the roof so that it takes weight off and gives them access to the roof framing. The framing is 140 years old. As weather permits, they plan to continue work as much as they can.

The Town can expect that once he gets it braced up, the DEP needs to review the permit that is going to them, usually takes 5 days. Neal spoke to the Historical Society and one thing that the Bandstand lacks now is power supply. They have agreed to let the Town run a line underground from the bandstand on their lawn to their panel. If there are enough funds raised, then the thought is the Town could hire an electrician to run the wire underground once you can dig and install two GFI outlets. The tree limb was cut today that overhung over the roof which is great. The fundraising has been very successful. Ron is going to make a list to thank all of his sponsors next week, he would also like to thank Neal for all of his hard work.

Review of Legal Accounts- The bill this month was just under \$5,000. It included 23 hours of legal work and 2.5 hours was for routine, everyday Town stuff. The other hours were about the lawsuits. The bill was \$4,830. The Board is going to need more money in this account before the end of the year. The lawsuits that the insurance company covers will cost \$5000, and the lawsuits that the attorneys office has to cover then the sky is the limit on the price. This will be updated each week. Merrill Farrand spoke briefly about his suit with CIA.

FOAA Requests- Few small ones around the Water District.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update – Nothing new but Wade will continue will to update when he meets with Mike. This should be finalized in the Spring.

Town Charter Update: No new update.

Light poles at BTH- The poles are up and running, they are on dusk to dawn. This can now come off the agenda.

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BTH Repairs- This includes a few different items, the walkway and ramp and a 2nd fire escape on the first floor. The walkway and ramp should be taken care of this Spring and once the Building Advisory Committee does their report, we will see what direction we will move in for the 2nd fire escape door on the 1st floor. As for now the 1st floor occupancy will stay at 49 people.

Cemetery Mowing/ Veteran's graves- We need to reschedule the meeting with the three committee members, they were unable to come to this meeting. Alesha will get in touch with the members for a new date.

Windows washed at Municipal Building- The quote is from Fresh Appearance for \$1400.00, we would like to have this done in May or June. John looking for a motion to authorize Fresh Appearance to clean all the windows pending the budget vote in March, Gil **motioned**, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor. This will be done after sand clean up and before ACs go in.

Woodsome Wildlife Sanctuary sign update- The family is going to take it down to Sanford to the monument place and will get an estimate. Wade will continue to update as more information becomes available.

Town owned Property Letters- The Board has discussed their responses that they have. The Board voted early tonight to auction 71 Sokokis Trail North. The Board has a letter that will go out as a last-ditch effort to the last previous owners. We will send all information over to Natalie to head us in the right direction for that sale.

Bids from Hollandville Project are due February 16, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

COVID Clinic- Alesha will reach back out for a date to schedule and will update.

New Business:

Fix vault- The vault continues to struggle with low humidity. Every winter the alarm goes off that the humidity is low. John will reach out to the company that does the air exchange now in the building to see about a portable humidifier that Rick will need to fill with water on a regular basis. This issue has to come to an end one way or another. This will move to old business.

BTH Application- John looking for a motion to approve the BTH for 4/2/23 for Laura May, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor. Alesha will get her to sign the parking rules.

Reminder for all Town Reports need to be in ASAP- Alesha sent out an email to any Departments that have not yet turned in there reports and needs to be received by 2/17. The plan is to have the Town reports out around 2/24 which would be a couple weeks before the March vote.

Approve background check for Cindy Smith- this was done during Cindy's department report on Kate Martin.

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Sign contract and Deed for Map 42, Lot 175- This is a Lake Arrowhead lot. John looking for a motion to sign the contract and deed for Map 42, Lot 175 for \$400, \$200 for lot and \$200 for administrative fee for one lot, Ron **motioned**, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Sign contract for Map 46, Lot 175- This has a purchase price of \$200 and a \$200 administrative fee, John looking for a motion to sign the contract for Map 46, Lot 175, Ron **motioned**, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Discuss the Bandstand waiver of permit and disposal fee- this was discussed and voted on during the Bandstand report.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Gil was asked to review the minutes from the 5/31/22 meeting about Pickerel Pond Island, Alesha will resend to the Board the minutes and add to agenda for next week about adding restrictions to the deed.

Cheryl Edgerly- read a letter from Paul Kontos wanting to make sure that all people who speak at a meeting go to the microphone.

ADJOURN MEETING: Ron **motioned** to adjourn; Katie seconded; **all** were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: Tuesday, February 21, 2023
End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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