

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON
Meeting Minutes
January 8,2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Katie called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with the Flag Salute

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Gil Harris, Brady Connors, Wade Andrews, John Medici, Katie Proctor

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:

Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Matt Baron,

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes: Wade **motioned**, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor.

WARRANT:

Motion to accept warrants: Brady **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor. There was a bill for Connectivity Point, this should go through MMA as it was an insurance claim for the Brick Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Matt Baron- Snowmobile Club President-

The trails are still closed as there is still not enough snow. He is hopeful after the possible storm on Saturday that they may be able to be open. They are once again dealing with the struggle of crossing Route 5. He said it is important to keep the trail system open as it does a lot for the local and state economy. He is looking for input from the Board as how to solve this issue and would like to see the sidewalks get used from the Municipal building up to Main Street. The Maine Game Wardens said this is allowed if there is good signage. He feels he has exhausted all avenues and is not sure of any other options. The Board does believe that using the sidewalks is a good idea. The voters voted to clean them off and the Town pays a contractor to take care of after each storm. They agree this may be the only solution and it is a lousy situation but cannot imagine having sleds that close to some of the houses on Washington Street. John asked Matt to explain the importance of making that connection. Matt said that the club is Newfield and Limerick and a lot of their grants come because of their connected mileage. He said if you are missing a link then it is essentially like having two clubs and they cannot have two clubs. The only connection he said is going into Cornish and coming back down but he said it is really important to keep the trail system going. They are self-sufficient without Town help except receiving the snowmobile registration

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fees which is common within the state. Last year, they received \$1300, and they built two bridges. He said losing mileage and having grant money cut would be hugely detrimental. They have exhausted a lot of finances this year due to the rain and amount of repair to the trail system and bridges. He has a great group who have worked hard to get the trails up and running. There is also a new trail to Dunkin Donuts this year that they were able to build. He really wants to see the sidewalks as an option. John asked them to go back and scratch their heads for one more shot, and the Board maybe to rediscuss next week. The Board wants to make sure that they have thought of all options, they believe this will be a hard sell to get use of the sidewalks. He also wanted to thank all of the property owners but also the huge number of volunteers that he has had help and step up to the plate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- No new update.

Fire Building Update- Progress is continuing nicely, the doors should be here soon.

Review of Legal Accounts- There was a bill from the Planning Board lawyer which is Bernstein Shur Law.

FOAA Requests- No new ones at this time.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- Nothing new at this time but Mike was out there working on it last week.

Town Charter Update- The Charter will meet on January 11 at 7PM, the Board should have an update soon.

BTH Repairs- We are waiting on the plumber to respond to come look at the second-floor bathroom. The outside has been completed and the contractor will be paid in the warrant this week.

Town-owned Property Letters- The Cure letter has been sent. Katie needs to finish setting up the few payment plans we have.

Vault Concerns/permanent water line- Nothing new this week.

New Business Park Sign- John did get a commitment from someone to dig the two holes for the posts. They will do this for free as well and hopefully will happen when they a bit of free time in their schedule.

Shelter Survey- Katie has not gotten any updates from Ray yet.

Town Sign Update-We are waiting on the electrician who is waiting on parts.

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Re-purposing of the Boat Launch in Lake Arrowhead for the public to access- kayaks, canoes, and fishing only, no boats- Nothing new to update.

MMA inspections report follow-up- Alesha is still waiting to follow up with Jay on the Emergency Action Plan but has started to review and add a few updated pieces.

Auction of Lake Arrowhead lots-The Board is holding off until they receive more legal advice.

Minuteman Proposal for Overlook-We are still discussing options and cost reductions. They have also made a proposal for the Municipal Building for some upgraded cameras and if given that work than they may be able to add in the work at the Overlook for a reduced or zero cost.

Picture for front cover- Please reach out to Alesha if interested in submitting one. Alesha will also set a deadline for this.

Proposal for Municipal Building Furnace-Alesha is working on getting two more quotes to compare.

Addition to Personnel Policy- Katie would like to discuss the option of adding into our policy about being able to cash in their PTO time. John is wondering if Vinnie should take his budgeted amount of PTO vacation time and repurpose into the pay schedule for the per diem equally. Gil wants to make sure the Board is not violating any state statute. The Board also wants to speak with the Fire Chief to discuss. Katie will reach out to the Town attorney for guidance on this issue and adding it into the Per Diem section.

Change mailing date for taxes sent out- No one on the Board has spoken to Judy yet. The Board would like her input on this matter, and what it would take to make this happen.

Abutter Request from 1/2/24-Dottie is working on this and forwarded information to the attorney.

New Business:

Schedule Public Hearing for March vote- needs to be before 2/6/24- This has been scheduled for Monday, January 29th at 6PM with a snow date of Monday, February 5th at 6PM.

Schedule Candidates Night before 2/6/24- This has been scheduled for Thursday, January 25th at 7PM with a snow date of February 1st. Alesha will run the meeting as Deedee is a candidate this ballot.

BTH Application-Gil **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, all in favor. No deposit will be required as this is a fundraiser for the library.

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Set Public Hearing for renewal of liquor license at Peppermill Restaurant- There is a new owner. This has been scheduled for Monday, January 22 at 7PM because it is a new application. Alesha will advertise and let the owner know of the Peppermill.

Sidewalk Contract discussion and schedule Special Town Meeting- There was a breach in the contract for the contractor, Bishop & Sons, they notified them with some time frames to fix the concerned areas of the sidewalks. When the letter was being delivered to the contractor, he verbally told them he wanted to terminate the contract with the Town. Nick Storer from Stone Hill Landscaping was contacted to see if he was available to complete the rest of the sidewalks from this storm and moving forward. This is the Town entering into an emergency contract for the remainder of this season. John made a **motion** due to the emergent need for sidewalk snow removal that the Board enter into a contract with Stone Hill Landscaping for the remainder of 2024 for \$4,000 per storm, Brady **seconded, all** in favor. Gil asked about the amount being more a storm than what we were currently paying. The Board figured at 17 for rest of season so if there are fewer storms than there could be money left in this budget.

The Board also would like to schedule a Special Town Meeting to enter into an additional three-year contract with Stone Hill Landscaping for the voters to approve starting in 2025. He is willing to hold the \$4,000 price for these three years. John **motioned** to have a Special Town Meeting to enter into a multi-year contract with Stone Hill Landscaping for snow removal of sidewalks, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. This will be scheduled for Monday, January 29th at 6PM, it will start before the Public Hearing on Secret Ballot Warrant Articles. This will also have a snow date of February 5th. Alesha will let Nick know as well. The Board will discuss their bill from the last storm on the warrant this week from Bishop and Sons, they did do some work and should be paid a portion. The Board does want to thank Bishop and Sons, this job is underestimated on what it takes to accomplish it. It is hard to do this position with full time jobs. They gave a good price to the Town to save the taxpayers some money, but this job takes a lot of time and specific equipment to do efficiently but we appreciate their efforts.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

NONE

ADJOURN MEETING: Gil **motioned** to adjourn; Brady **seconded; all** were in favor at 8:06 PM

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on:

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Respectfully submitted,

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