

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 MRSA € 405 (6) (A) 6:00-7:15PM

Re-vote on all items from last week that needed to be approved again due to Brady not being sworn in yet, Wade motioned to approve the minutes and warrants, Brady seconded, all in favor. Brady motioned to approve Gil Harris for Chair, Wade seconded, all in favor. Wade motioned to approve Brady Connors for Vice Chair, John seconded, all in favor. Brady motioned to approve the gift of easements of lots from Allaire Drive, Wade seconded, all in favor. Brady motioned to approve all three BTH applications, Wade seconded, all in favor. Wade motioned to approve the NAGHA Insurance form for Recreation, Brady seconded, all in favor. Brady motioned to approve the resignation from the Board of Appeals for Dave Coleman, Wade seconded, all in favor. Wade motioned to sign the Kyocera Agreement for the CEO, Brady seconded, all in favor. Brady motioned for a new laptop for the Treasurer, Wade seconded, all in favor. Brady motioned to appoint Dottie as the FOAA Officer, Wade seconded, all in favor. Wade motioned to appoint Mike Nichols to the Planning Board, Brady seconded, all in favor. Brady motioned to adjourn the meeting, Wade seconded, all in favor.

CALL TO ORDER:

Gil called the meeting to order at 7:16PM with the Flag Salute.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:

Alesha Buzzell, Wendy Thorne, Lucien Langlois, Gail Libby, Ashley Lutkoff, Dave McLean

MINUTES:

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

WARRANT:

Motion to approve the warrants: Wade **motioned**, Brady **seconded**, all in favor, payroll warrants only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Dave McLean, Charter Commission:

Highlights over the last year since they started meeting: They have reviewed and researched several Maine charters to become familiar with different documents. They have invited several representatives in leadership roles in the community and around Limerick to talk about how there

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respected Charters work and items they were concerned about and how they have overcome those challenges. They have met with the Select Board and received feedback and set up specific areas on the Town website for Commission business and emails for commission members to receive feedback from the public. All meetings have been broadcast, and they have corresponded with the Town attorney on provisions of the draft Charter just recently. They have a full draft now that has been sent to the attorney, they have received some brief feedback, and they are waiting for more. Natalie, the attorney, mentioned that she was pleased with the progress they have made on the first Charter the Town is putting together. They will be moving forward once all feedback is received back and grammar has been fixed, they will be posting a preliminary report draft. Then a second public hearing will be set up and once that is done, they will adjust it for the feedback and sometime in August have a third public hearing. After that there should be a final report that they will bring to the Select Board for approval to go onto the Ballot in November. All committee members have done a really good job putting this draft together. Wendy spoke on EPL and how this should not be a part of the Charter. They should not dictate policies or change them. She believes that EPL has to be fair across the board and not just cashed out with Fire/EMS members. She thinks that all employees over the last 20 years have given a lot of time and dedication over the years, and they have lost this time and that does not seem fair to those employees. The policy overall needs to be looked at. She gave the Board the laws on EPL and effectively January 1, 2023, the law changed on EPL on separation and the Board needs to update the policy to reflect this. They also need to evaluate if they want to add cashing out or not. This is the time of the year that the Board should be reviewing and changing policies if need be. She also touched on the Fund Balance Policy and said that they should be updating this policy as there is some conflict. They should be working with the Treasurer on any changes. She has a drafted one for the Board to review. She also provided the Board with copies of the GAP Budgetary guidelines on Fund Balance Policies.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Fire Building Update: We will get pictures and update next week.

Review of Legal Accounts- There is no update as the Board did not have warrants, so they are not 100% sure if there was a bill from one of the legal firms.

FOAA Requests- There are a few new ones, as always, they are posted on the Town website.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- Wade will touch base with Mike and see if he would like to attend the meeting next week to discuss with the Select Board.

Town Charter Update- We received the report during Dave's department report.

BTH Repairs/inside repairs- Alesha is still waiting for the insurance to respond.

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Town-owned Property Letters- Based on some new laws that have come and changed, and in the past our Town attorney has been hesitant and reluctant on selling properties that have buildings on them. Since John reached out and told them we were receiving a second opinion, their decision to sell has changed. They are now saying we are clear on the sale process and moving forward. John **motioned** to reach out to the attorney and have them provide the required notices that have to be sent out to the two properties and move forward with the sale process, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will reach out to the attorney.

Vault Update- HVAC is coming out again to take a look at it and see if it needs some tweaking on the values.

New Business Park Sign- The Board will get the sign permit which was waived at a prior meeting. The posts will be coming soon.

Shelter Survey- Alesha will follow-up with Katie and Ray again.

Re-purposing of the Boat Launch in Lake Arrowhead for the public to access- kayaks, canoes, and fishing only, no boats- An update will happen in the Spring.

MMA inspections report follow-up for the Emergency Action Plan- The Board has a draft of changes from the Sherriff's department that they would like to see happen. Alesha will check with Cindy in the library to see if their door has a shade and will order two ladders for them to have on the back windows for access if there is a fire. She will work at getting numbers for each window around the building and to-go bags. She will work with Dottie to see if our phone system can have an intercom or how we go about getting that. She will continue to work with Sheriff's department on this plan until complete.

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

Minuteman Proposal for Overlook and Municipal Office cameras, heat detectors- John will touch base with the new Treasurer and get some more details. Alesha does have the total and she will email them to John to review.

Proposal for Municipal Building Furnace- The board reviewed the three quotes. Our custodian advised that we go with the \$700 quote to replace the valve on the boiler system and see if that will take care of the issue. Wade **motioned** to accept the \$700 quote to replace the valve on the furnace tank, Brady **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will reach out to the company.

Addition to Personnel Policy- This will not be able to be a part of the Charter. The Board will review the information that Wendy shared during department reports so the Board can make decisions on what the next steps will be.

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Abutter Request from 1/2/24- With the new information from our lawyer and how they feel about selling properties, we can now send this back to our Town attorney.

Cemetery Contract- need new contractor- The bids are due back March 20th at 12PM.

Squad Truck Bid Update- Vinnie and John still need to get together, this will happen soon.

Discussion of June Warrant Articles- This warrant is due to the Town Clerk on April 8th.

Sidewalk Contract

Sale of LA lots

CEO Subdivision Ordinance

Flood Plan Ordinance by CEO- Alesha provided a copy of this for the Board to review.

Allaire Drive

Connectivity Bill Update- This bill should be a part of the warrant this week once the Board sees it.

New Business:

BTH Application- Wade **motioned** to accept the BTH usage for Craig Therrin, Brady **seconded**, all in favor.

ARPA Funds Update- This is an online form once a year, John is handling it.

Email from Budget Committee- They are requesting that they get 7 days' notice to meet when the Board needs them to review a warrant. The Board will keep this in mind for them and make it work the best they can.

Question from the Building Advisory Committee- They would like to know about having someone come spray for poison ivy or if our custodian could do this. There was concern that our Herbicide Spraying Ordinance would affect this, but the Board believes that we are allowed because of rights of way. Alesha will find out who we have had before and have them come see about spraying.

Discussion of ACO- Our ACO needs to be re-appointed so the Board would like to meet with her beforehand in an executive session. She has had several complaints lately and there seem to be more of them. The Board would like to meet with her and see if she can prove certifications and what may be going on. Alesha will set up an executive session.

Online Business Directory- Town of Berwick does an online Business Directory. A citizen wondered about the Town of Limerick doing this to help promote Limerick Businesses. Alesha will work on making this happen, the Board was all in agreement. She will also have a conversation with Gail to see about setting something up on the website.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Gail Libby- She spoke about the Building Advisory Committee and that they met, and they have looked at their tasks list and given assignments to committee members to find answers to. They are working on the Grange Hall/Boy scout Hall right now. As far as Hollandville, the grant has been filed with the EPA for some time now and last week they heard from them, and they had to submit a packet and one of the forms they needed was a narrative. It was not in the packet, but Community Dynamics supplied this, so it is moving through the process. It has been a learning curve, but they are getting there. John wondered if this committee would be interested in looking at all Town buildings. She will check with the committee and see if they would be willing to oversee all buildings.

Lucien Langlois- He wanted an update on the contract with the YCSD and if the Board had decided to move forward with this. He wondered if the Town could go back in the direction of going back to Town constables. He also wondered how the Board felt about having the rest of the road paved at the ballfield that will be left after Dunkin paves their requirement, this is Park Street. The Board said we could certainly check with the road commissioner and see what he says or if there are funds available. He also wanted to know what FOAA stood for.

ADJOURN MEETING: Brady motioned to adjourn; Wade **seconded**; **all** were in favor at 8:20PM
These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Monday, March 25, 2024

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Respectfully submitted,

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