BOARD OF SELECTPERSON
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:
Alesha Buzzell, Mike O'Donnell, Dave McLean, Deb Jeffers, Stephanie Bishop, Cindy Smith, Walter and Lorraine Ricker

MINUTES:
Motion to approve the minutes: May 20th minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

WARRANT:

Motion to approve the warrants: Wade **motioned** to approve the warrants, John **seconded**, **all** in favor, one abstains.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Dave McLean, Charter Commission:
The committee started in 2023. They have met twice of month since they formed. They have done one Public Hearing so far, where they took comments from the public. They used that information as well as Town documents and charters from other towns to help write up the draft. They have had a few Town managers come to some meetings to show some guidance, and pointers and the significant impact that charters can have that are critical for Towns to operate. This has been really helpful. The members have gotten feedback from this Board as well as previous Boards to see if they have suggestions on how a Charter may work. They have a draft document, they got back a few small changes to make from Natalie. They have a 2nd Public Hearing scheduled on June 13th at 7PM here at the Municipal Building for public comment. The draft document will go on the Town website for the public to view ahead of time. Once that is completed there will be a third Public Hearing that will happen before a final draft is submitted to the Select Board in late August. (video cut outs)
They will have a number of sections, powers that are granted to the Town by the State, Town meetings and elections. This will help find the needed information in one document other than having to look at policies and ordinances. Also, eligibility, election terms, compensation, etc. will be in one place. Thery have administrative organization and how the Town is laid out, boards and committees, referendums, petitions, recalls, amendments and revisions. As a reminder this is still a work in progress and draft. The feedback they receive at the public hearing will be considered as

changes and suggestions. He wants to thank the commission for all their tirelessly work, it has been greatly appreciated.

Mike O'Donnell, John O'Donnell Associates:

Mike came to discuss with the Board about the value levels that that they are planning to set for the new taxable values that will go into effect this summer. When they set tax values, they are set at one point in time but with all the changes and market values, it is impossible to stay completely current, so they reset all the values around every 10 years. They have modified the values years ago to stay on the correct side of the standards that the states put upon them, so they did a straight up multiplier. What this does is raise every value by exactly the same. What they are doing this time is resetting the values for each one individually. They are re-visiting properties and re-pricing them. There will be changes that are not just with the multiplier. He is here today to show the Board the methods they use to measure and get the Board approval at the level they are setting the values at. He showed the Board a ratio analysis which is specified by the Maine Revenue Services. Mike had a lot of good information, video cut off some. The Board agreed with the time windows for late June and early July to keep the revalue on the correct time frame. If you have questions, you can reach out to John O'Donnell Associates or the Assessing Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- Joe Walsh is moving right along. We are hoping for an update within a few weeks. Thank you, Joe, for all your work.

Fire Building Update- On Wednesday radio, phone, low voltage will all be on site to integrate the systems together. They are hoping to move in on Wednesday PM. The station is almost complete.

Review of Legal Accounts- Nothing on the warrant this week.

FOAA Requests- They are listed on the Town website, nothing new to share.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- Wade did see there was a bill from Mike on the warrant so there should be some paperwork soon.

Town Charter Update- Dave talked about the update during department reports. The Public Hearing is on Thursday, June 13th at 7PM here at the Municipal Building.

BTH Repairs/inside repairs- We are waiting on the insurance to get the final payments and close out the claim for now.

Town-owned Property Letters- There is no new update this week, but Stan has been working on these. There have been a few payments made.

Vault Update- The Fire Department has received a few calls for the low humidity. John will follow up.

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New Business Park Sign- Still in production with RSD Graphics.

Shelter Survey- Few items that need to be thought about and discussed coming up. Who would want to oversee opening it, Fire Chief, EMA Director, or Board member. Who would we want to man the shelter? The hours it would be open. Ray is getting more details about EMA's recommendations for best practices manning the warming station.

Re-purposing of the Boat Launch in Lake Arrowhead for the public to access- kayaks, canoes, and fishing only, no boats-Alesha will be ordering the sign for the boat launch area. Scott will take care of clearing a bigger area for parking.

Minuteman Proposal for Overlook and Municipal Office cameras, heat detectors- We are still waiting for Cunningham Security to give us a quote.

Addition to Personnel Policy-for EPL Time- Wade **motioned** to accept the amendment to the Personnel Policy by the Town Attorney, Brady **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will add to the website and share with all departments.

Squad Truck Bid Update- ON HOLD

Building Advisory Committee- Poison Ivy Control at Grange Hall- The poison ivy issue is being taken care of and Isaac is working on the outside issues to do with the ramp and railings.

BTH Third Floor water- This is all set, and the third floor has water. This will now come off the agenda.

Meeting with TRIO- We already have the Cloud with Harris and have been paying for it since September. Everyone agreed and is on the same page including the IT Director. We are now waiting for Harris to reach back out.

Donald Edgerly vs Town Lawsuit update- There was a judicial mediation meeting that happened before the lawsuit had its day in court. Within 21 days, the Town will deliver to Mr. Edgerly a check for $7385 and then either 1) copy of vote that the Select Board had that no Town sponsored events are to be held on the second floor of the Brick Town Hall or 2) Provide Andrew Cotter with photographic evidence that a sign with the following language has been installed on the first floor of the Brick Town Hall, " Assistance with access to the second floor during Town- sponsored events is available upon request as needed." The Board can prove one of these easily.
Do one of the following: 1) Provide Andrew Cotter with documentation from the USDOJ indicating its approval of the current threshold configuration in the front door of the Brick Town Hall. 2) Grind the granite threshold to even it out as per Paragraph 1 (g) of the June 2021 Settlement Terms or 3) Deliver a check to Mr. Edgerly in the amount of $2500. The Board has had the threshold grinded down. These items will be sent to the attorney and the case should be closed. The amount the Town is paying Mr. Edgerly is the cost of his attorney fees only and nothing more. Our Town attorney did not charge us for his day last week for mediation which saved $1500.00.

John **motioned** to deliver a check to Mr. Edgerly in the amount of $7,385.00 pending his receipt of his taxpayer ID number, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. John **motioned** that we provide Attorney Cotter with photographic evidence that the proper sign has been placed at the Brick Town Hall, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. John **motioned** that we grind the threshold of the entry door at the Brick Town Hall, Brady **seconded, all** in favor. John made a **motion** to accept the warrant for $7,385 for Mr. Edgerly, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

New Business:

Public Hearing for Libby U Pick-John **motioned** approve the Libby U Pick Public Hearing on June 17th at 7PM, Brady **seconded, all** in favor.

Approval for a refund on pre-pay of taxes- John made a **motion** to approve the refund of $3,000 for pre-payment of taxes, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

Review OTIS One Quote for upgrade- Alesha is going to look into this and see what the upgrade is and why this was not covered under the OTIS One upgrade that we did last year. This will stay on the agenda.

Announcement for York County Budget Committee Meeting- The meeting will happen Monday, June 10th in Alfred at 6PM for the proposed 2025 Budget.

Discuss email about the sale of three lots in Lake Arrowhead- Three lots that Lake Arrowhead would like to purchase from the Town, the Lake Arrowhead Committee does know about this inquiry. John would also like to know what they would like them for. Dottie said they will pay taxes on them. We will follow up with more information next week. John would also like to know why they would be paying taxes on these three and not the others they have boughten.

Quote from Ward Water-John **motioned** to approve all the work to be done by Ward Water, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will set this up.

Proposal from Connectivity Point- The Board will look at the proposal and more discussion will happen next week. Katie and Gail will have more of an update.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Walter Ricker- concern over the speed on Range E Road and there not being enough speed limit signs. Alesha will check with Scott, the Road Commissioner, and ask to add a few more signs to the road. The speed limit is 35MPH.

Stephanie Bishop- Can the road commissioner put some no parking signs on one side of Watson Hill Road, the road gets mostly blocked when cars are parking for parties? Alesha will ask Scott to do this as well.

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John Medici- The check for Mr. Edgerly was written out of the legal fees account which put a dent in it. He **motioned** that no Town employees or officials contact the Town attorney without the approval of the Board Chair, Brady **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will send an email to Department heads and employees as well as Natalie.
Also, Stan let the Board know that he has fee money that could be used for help with the ambulance repairs that the Fire Department of $10,000. They will see if Vinnie can work it out but if not, then this is an option, and they can transfer if necessary.

ADJOURN MEETING: Brady **motioned** to adjourn; John **seconded**; **all** were in favor at 8:32PM
These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Monday, June 17, 2024

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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