

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES: Dean LePage, Lisa LePage, Alesha Buzzell, Steve McLean, Martha Hamilton-Smith, Vinnie Pelletier

MINUTES:

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

WARRANT:

Motion to accept warrants: Brady **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all in favor**, one check is being withheld until some required paperwork comes into the Select Board office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**Vinnie Pelletier, Fire Chief:** October- 54 calls, bringing the total for 2023 to 489 calls, 6 of the 54 were fire, 47 EMS, 1 was fire and EMS. Mutual aid was 10 times. The steel frame is now completed on the new fire station building, the walls are the next portion that the crew will start on. They are aiming to pave tomorrow a base coat to have solid ground for the winter. The apparatus floor is getting ready for concrete which will hopefully be poured at the end of the week. The HUD grant public notice went out in the Shopping Guide last week, this is a requirement of HUD. This is the process of finding no significant impact on the environmental review that John Cleveland handled. Hopefully by mid-December we can get an intent to release the funds. It will also have to be posted on the HUD website. We are halfway through the construction process on the building, the current contract price is down from the original price due to some savings and cuts that were made. The current contract price is \$4,723,300.00, they have spent \$2,420,968.00 and the balance left to spend is \$2,302,332.00. The contingency balance started around \$95,000 and is currently at \$29,242.00. The savings have been \$31,654.54, these are based on the change orders which are online to view. Some costs have cost more money, and some have saved money, but the net gain is just over \$31,000. Right now, the whole project is \$60,896.54 under budget. There will be additional savings due to a retaining wall on the North side, the Pellegrino side, originally needed one but in the change of grade and fill, it will not need one or not as big as originally anticipated. The apparatus floor was changed in design and more money was spent in rebar, but they are not using the fibers in the concrete which originally planned to save money. We are receiving a

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concrete discount from Carroll Materials. Staffing is still doing well, and the November schedule is filled, and Pete Proctor is working on the December schedule. There has been a small delay in the Ambulance Subscriptions forms with the printing. They are just waiting on the check that the Treasurer has sent which will send the forms to the post office. These will go to every resident, every mailing address and PO box. These forms are also available at the Municipal Building and the Fire Station. The department is looking to purchase new medication administrator pumps, this is required by Maine EMS to have on ambulances. The ones they currently have need to be updated. Vinnie gave the Board three quotes on purchasing two new pumps, the best price is \$4,835.00. He plans to purchase them this week; he has the money in his budget.

**Martha Hamilton-Smith and Lisa LePage, Historical Society:** Thank you to everyone who baked and bought from there Historical Society bake sale, they made over \$900.00. They are looking for a request for funds during the budget season for \$5,000, they would like to add a bathroom and running water into the Academy. During the winter they will drain all the pipes. They also need to fix the granite steps to the building. This is the first time they have reached out for help from the Town. They do annual open houses at the Academy; this year went great. The insurance alone is \$2400 a year. They also pay \$67.50 a quarter for Service ready, which is up to the building but not connected but they still have to pay the fee. They will provide their letter requesting what they are looking for to the Budget Committee. They will also attend the budget meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Moore Building also needs to be repainted. She spoke to an old friend of hers that use to be a painter. He looked at the building and said it is lead paint, so he said for a ballpark figure of \$13,500 for the painting and clean up. The paint has to be scraped and all of it has to be collected, more tedious when it is lead paint.

**Deedee Tibbetts, Town Clerk:** Katie read off the ballot election results for Deedee who was unable to attend. Article 2- Yes 388, No 489 so this question failed, Article 3- Yes 261, No 621 so this article also failed. Article 4- Yes 718, No 212, this passed. Article 5- Yes 582, No 357. Article 6- Yes 612, No 302, Article 7- Yes 615, No 314. Article 8- Yes 626, No 316 and Article 9- Yes 781, No 150.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Fire Building Update- This happened during Vinnie's update.

Review of Legal Accounts- There was a small bill that was in the warrants for \$1,830.00 but it did come from a different firm.

FOAA Requests- Few small ones. The form online will be updated.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update – No update from Mike yet.

Town Charter Update- No new meeting has been scheduled; we will update once one is scheduled.

BTH Repairs-We will hopefully have one next week.

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Town-owned Property Letters- Alesha will work on this with Katie and continue to work with the attorneys on the properties, we will follow-up on Wednesday to see if we can take the next step.

Vault Concerns/permanent water line- There is no news this week.

New Business Park Sign- We should have one next week.

Laptops for Budget Committees- Chris at Modem Wavs has them and is setting them up for the users. Hopefully she will meet with him one day this week to receive them.

Shelter Survey- Katie will continue to update as she hears, she did follow up with Ray and he has a few more things to follow up on.

Town Sign Update- The new sign has been installed. We are just waiting for the new light to be installed.

Re-purposing of the Boat Launch in Lake Arrowhead for the public to access- kayaks, canoes, and fishing only, no boats- We have not heard from the few people who are researching this access area.

Approved Snow Dump Locations- We are just waiting on the permit from DEP.

MMA inspections report follow-up- Hazard Communication Plan, Emergency Action Plan, VDT Training- Alesha is setting up the employees for the VDT Training, our Emergency Action Plan is being reviewed by Deputy Solomon and Alesha is working on a draft for the Hazard Plan.

Municipal Parking lot update- The Road Commissioner has finished the area out front so this can now come off the agenda.

Allaire Drive- There has not been any action steps forward. All details have been sent to the attorney for their legal opinion. This will not be moving forward with selling it but getting all the information in one place. Katie also received an email from a resident on Allaire Drive that expressed their concern about holding the purchaser responsible and accountable for time frames and meeting the action steps they promise to accomplish.

Auction of Lake Arrowhead lots- The information was sent back to the committee and the Board is waiting to hear their report of what lots they recommend selling.

Review of abatement from last meeting- This will stay on the agenda for the next meeting with a full Board so they will all be able to discuss and make a decision.

Approve request from CEO from last meeting- It was a request for a vest, this is a suggestion from the State level. The amount is \$1300.00, Katie feels it is reasonable to approve it. She also

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believes there is enough in the contingency account to pay for it. She is looking for a motion to approve the credit card purchase for \$1300 for the CEO, Brady **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

**New Business:**

Senior Tax Stabilization Program Update- This is just an update that this program will not continue and has been discontinued by the State of Maine.

Proposal for Community Solar Plan- Gil has been talking with a company to help the Town lower the standard offer rate for electricity that CMP offers. The Town had a great rate for the last three years which was around 7.7% per KWH. Now CMP is around 14-16%. Community Solar is willing to come and talk about there proposal in helping the Town cut down on these costs. We will try and have Katie Rooney come to the meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sign Abatements- Katie looking for a motion to sign the abatement for \$2,404.84, Brady **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor. Katie looking for a motion to sign the abatement for \$122.83, Brady **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor. Katie looking for a motion to sign the abatement for \$106.15, Brady **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Appoint Saco River Corridor Commission Alternate- Alesha will advertise in the Shopping Guide as well as on the Town webpage and Facebook page.

Resignation from James Kent-James resigned from both the Budget Committee and Appeals Board effective immediately. Gil made a **motion** to accept James Kent resignation, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Candidate for the Budget Committee- Gil **motioned** to appoint Lori Harmon to the Budget Committee, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor. Alesha will let Lori know and the Town Clerk.

BTH Application- The Freedom Lodge would like to hold a dinner on December 9, 2023, there is no fee. Gil **motioned** for the Freedom Lodge to use the BTH on December 9, 2023, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Steve McLean- Questions about Stan's bullet proof vest and if the Board received more than one quote, we only received one price from the CEO. Sand and salt concern for plowing contractor- if there is enough stockpiled, getting the load of sand delivered to the BTH for public use, and when will the Budget laptops be available. Concern over a letter with a Town official's name being used and that person not being notified.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Brady **motioned** to adjourn; Gil **seconded**; **all** were in favor at 7:50 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

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