

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER:

Katie opened the meeting with the flag salute at 7:03 PM

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Medici, Katie Proctor, Wade Andrews, Gil Harris

ATTENDEES: Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Cheryl Edgerly, Shawn Girard, Neal Meltzer, Joanne Andrews, Tony Carroll, Aaron Carroll, Deb Jeffers, Billy Jones, Brady Connors, Derek Welch, Stan Hackett, Cindy Smith, Dean and Lisa LePage, Steve McLean, Merrill Farrand,

MINUTES:

Minutes from 3/6/23 approved, Wade **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Minutes from 3/13/23 approved, Gil **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Wade read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Cindy Smith, Librarian:

Kathy from the Career Center is still coming on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3-4PM, she can help with job training and education, resumes, interview skills, locating apprenticeships and Veteran Services.

There are handouts and take-home crafts for kids to come and take from the library.

The book discussion group for kids has changed to 8-12yr olds, it is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4-5PM.

The library will be hosting a puzzle swap. You may bring in as many puzzles as you would like, you will receive a ticket with that amount on it and then from the 29th-1st you can come in and get that amount in puzzles from the pool.

On April 15th at 2PM Shelly Burbank will be coming in for her book release called Final Draft, she is a local author. In her book, the character is at an art auction for Artist Rick Hamilton who is a real Artist from Portland. She is a successful bidder on a piece of art and Cindy contacted him and he will have some of his art on display in the library.

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Tony Carroll, Water and Sewer District:

The district spent most of the winter having the foundation put in for the addition, it is 18*24 adding onto the existing building on Emery Corner Road. They got the block work done between December and January and the roof is on now and is watertight, shingles are next. They are hoping to get the floor and door in and prepare it for treatment. Presently the treatment is all designed, Dirigo Engineering designed it and the firm is awaiting approval from the Drinking Water Program. The estimate for the treatment of the well on Emery Corner Road and Washington Street is \$1.25 million. They have \$589,000 in grants and the rest the district will have to finance. After review it will go back to the engineering firm and hopefully will be ready to go out to bid. They are hoping to have it go out to bid before all companies fill up their work schedules so they can get some decent bids.

Neal Meltzer has been helping the district with the grants and paperwork for all necessary loans for the project. Tony thanked Dean for being a trustee and helping organize the financial paperwork needed for Neal to move forward with the project.

Steve McLean said that there is a generator that is being stored at the Fire Department that runs on propane, the Fire Station received it as a backup and Steve believes that the Water District should have it if they lose power. It has just been sitting at the Fire Station.

Aaron Carroll, Water and Sewer District:

He is the operator of the water district and the systems they are going to be adding are 4 Greensand filtration units and 2 pre-filters. This will super chlorinate the water going into the first treatment tanks and it will form a particulate that can be strained out in the Greensand filtrations. They went to North Berwick and CMP in Alfred and visited; they both have similar systems. Our Iron levels at the worst case are 3-3.5, normally they are .3-.8 for levels which is a third of what they were before. The new treatment is needed but is quite costly.

Neal Meltzer, Helping the Water and Sewer District:

He is helping the district with grants, the ultimate goal for the district is this \$1.25 million dollar project on Emery Corner Road. It is the most essential project to accomplish increasing the quality of water. They are also committed to the Hollandville Project replacing sewer lines.

The grants will equal \$589,000, just about half of the cost of the project and these do not have to be paid back. The remaining amount of \$662,000 will be financed through the State Revolving Fund Drinking Water Program which is operated by the Maine Bond Bank. It has very low interest for 30-year loan. The bid process will hopefully start in the new few weeks, all of this has to align with the financing. The \$589,000 grant money is exceptionally slow and is only available after all the work has been completed, it takes a minimum of 2-4 months to receive. The district would need to get a Bridge Loan in order for the project to start and it would be for \$589,000. He is working with a number of financial institutions seeing what they can offer for tax exempt financing for this Bridge Loan.

Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station:

They have been seeing an unprecedented amount of extra household trash at the Transfer Station. This year when she budgeted, she budgeted more from May-October for the extra container as this is when she normally sees an increase, but it is happening sooner than year. She believes it will cost \$10,000 extra for the year. She is hoping people would utilize the door to door pick up

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more, the Town pays \$20,000 a month for this service and more taxpayers should be taking advantage of it.

Kristin Perkins, Animal Control Officer:

Dogs at Large- 3

Stray Dog-2

Stray Cat-2

Dog Theft-1

Welfare Check-1

Animals at Large-1

OLD BUSINESS:

CIA Application for Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit-Preliminary Discussion- The Board discussed last week that they were all going to drive by CIA and check out the fencing and tree situation. You really have to slow down from the road to see what is going on in the CIA lot, discussion of what is an ordinary view as not to be distracted as the driver from what is listed in the ordinance. John believes the whole process has been done poorly, asking someone go to the Planning Board and be expected to do a certain number of things and hopefully the person complies and then ask them to come back two months later and talk to the Select Board and one likes trees and one like fences and the Code Officer likes Conex boxes. No one is on the same page for Boards, and we need to be.

John made a **motion** to issue the permit for two years with the following conditions, any environmental testing that is done, the Code Office is shared those results as soon as they are available and not waiting from them to come back from someone else or DEP and that over the next two years, he plants 100 more trees a year on the shorter size to try and fill in the bottom section from the gate towards Cornish, Gil **seconded**.

John believes that this pulls it all together so in two years when he has to go back to the Planning Board, then at that time the Select Board, Planning Board, and Code Office all get together at the same time and decide what this business needs to work properly. This needs to be consolidated for all businesses, so they are getting a fair shake. The goal is to streamline the purpose.

Shawn spoke and stated that he already has 100 trees in and that he is not sure that putting in a 100 tree each year would not be too tight. He thought 100 trees of seedlings would work and trimming them when only so tall so they would stay short and fat. He does not have a problem with the Town getting the results at same time of DEP. All the test they have done in the last 3-5 years, before they put in the retention pond, they dug test holes and DEP was there to do the dirt testing. His frustration is that every two years when he comes back, the Board is different, the last Board asked him to do trees and he wished he had just done a fence and he felt he wouldn't be here today. The ordinance says you can plant a fur species or something that will grow to a mature height if not less than 15 feet.

Merrill Farrand says that DEP has a minimum height rule of trees for 4-4.5ft, he hopes that the CEO can clarify. He also wanted to ensure that the Board has seen the DEP letter from Mr. Hamlin from January. He said the piles of tires have been a problem for the last twelve years since he has

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lived in Town. He confirms that the ordinance indicates hidden from ordinary view by plantings, refresh the plantings, fence, whatever is decided by the Boards reviewing it. He thinks the Board should have compassion for the neighbors. He says no one is checking ground water. The last water testing report he saw was from September but there is a recent one from January.

Aaron Carroll, the Planning Board did address in their Conditional Use Permit the trees and gave the CEO the authority to fill in the holes where the trees are grown up and the spots where the trees are not filling in. He said Shawn needs to make sure that he continuously has a 15ft barrier and maintain it. Because the trees have grown so tall, he does not have that 15ft barrier anymore. The CEO should already be working with Shawn to fill in those holes and Shawn has already agreed to it and this needs to be done as part of his Conditional Use Permit. He believes the Board missed it on requiring Shawn to put a fence along the scale towards Cornish. He thinks that the next time, the Board will be addressing this, he feels it is very distracting and that you can see a lot of the operations through the trees. He thinks the Board should address the fence but if not then the Planning Board most likely will be in two years.

John would like to amend his **motion** to not include any trees at all for the next two years. The reason is because someone told him to put up trees, the Planning Board missed the fence, now this Board is saying put up more trees but in two years you are going to need to do a fence by the Planning Board. The Boards are not on the same page. The trees are already in the Conditional Use Permit and will be done.

Shawn said under state guidelines it allows them a minimum of 5000 sq ft display area from the road for people to see, they cannot fence in this area. He really only has to conceal salvage operation. There are 5-6 places on his property that the storm water is tested. The DEP plan that they go by has been in place for 15-16 years for storm water. He had to put in a \$200,000 retention pond because of DEP and believes it is not fair to him after spending that amount of money to have to put in test wells because a citizen that lives miles away may want him to. DEP has ruled his business from day one and has always done what the Town has asked him to do. He feels that every two years it is something different that the Town requires of him which is unfair just because of the changing of the Boards.

Merrill Farrand says the Town ordinance and state law is the reason he needs to comply to the ordinary view. He states that different Boards will not interpret that differently but rather have they enforced it. He wants the Board to enforce their own law of the books.

Shawn says the ordinance says you will plant trees, fencing or dirt berm. Aaron argued that it does not say dirt berm, Stan said berms are not covered under screenings, John read the ordinance that states automobile graveyard/junkyards are kept from ordinary view from the highway by natural objects, planting, or fences. Lots of people agreed that natural objects is dirt.

Wade asked why he didn't continue with the fencing and just be done with it. The previous Board did not want a fence, they wanted trees. Now the Planning Board wants more trees which he is fine with. The problem he has is the timeline. He will add the trees at the request of the Planning Board but feels like in two years they will change that. Again, he said that you only have to screen in the salvage operation.

Katie asked for the address to the salvage operation. Shawn responded that it is 366 Sokokis Trail North. She asked if it was sectioned on the map lot, she feels like if that is a whole and the Board should not be limiting what areas is considered a salvage yard if the address is a whole. Again, Shawn said the ordinance says you must screen in the junkyard which starts after the Conex boxes.

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He feels it is not fair to have it all screened in and will lose business because people do not know where the business is located. He is the only one in Town that has a junkyard or official junkyard that has permits so he feels he gets dragged through the mud.

Stan Hackett said that berms can be used for shields or screenings. Under the State law 30-A Subsection 3754-A it says any and all junkyards/graveyards must or shall have a well-constructed and properly maintained at a minimum height of a 6ft fence. The objective in the future is to correct the wrongs, not all can be done overnight. He said the minimum requirement for the state is a 6ft fence.

John read the State law and says it does not say fence. Stan says that is what it is referring to, but it does not say fence. It says natural objects, plantings or fences, meaning any three can be used. Stan said the fencing is for security as well.

Shawn said they have some berms that are 16-18ft high, it will be hard press to keep habitat out. Stan said you have to make every reasonable effort to protect the habitat and the people and follow the laws. Stan said the housekeeping has been the main object of the complaints, he said if the housekeeping was kept up, Shawn would not have all of the complaints and the animosity that he has now. He said maintaining his property and barriers so it is safe and clean would reduce the issues and fencing would keep people from seeing in. Stan also said a tree is not a seedling, a tree is defined under state law as a minimum height of 4.5ft tall with a 2-inch round toe.

Shawn said DEP has not come to him at all and said to put up a fence to keep out the animals. Stan said that is not what he said, he said that DEP has accused him that his housekeeping is atrocious.

Shawn said that today is not about housekeeping, it is about trees and fencing.

Stan said that housekeeping is also natural barriers which Shawn has not maintained.

John said that in the ordinance it does say that whatever is used for a barrier at a minimum of 6ft must be properly maintained. If the trees on the bottom are not being maintained to provide screening, then they are not being properly maintained. He is allowed the trees to become bare at the bottom and the first 4 ft is definitely the most visible section because the trees have not been maintained. This is why Stan asked the Board last week and recommended that the Board ask Shawn for a fence instead of more trees. It is less maintenance and should solve the problem. He said Shawn needs to maintain his housekeeping on top of that.

Tony Carroll said that the State has switched from sand and salt to all salt about five years ago for taking care of the roads. His maple trees are dying, and he said that the trees at CIA are going to be killed off every year by the salt as well when plows drive by there. He believes Shawn should have to put up 4ft trees this spring, so the people do not have to see it for now, not seedlings, but trees.

Merrill Farrand said that the ordinance in regard to fencing indicates 8ft wooden. This more stringent than the states.

Shawn said that stockade fencing is \$100 a section right now and will only last 8-10 years so that is why they do the concrete sonotubes with galvanized posts and rails and metal fencing which will last 30-50 years. They have had to do slight maintenance to their current one. If the Board wants a fence, then that is the way they will go. There will need to be discussion what he will need to screen in because his front yard is not a junkyard. He believes if the Town is going to require a fence that it should start at the transfer station to the other end of the yard. He said Stan told him that on the shoreland zoning right by the brook that they can make him do whatever the Board wanted.

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Shawn says that the ordinance says you will plant a tree that will grow to the mature height of not less than 15ft of an evergreen species that holds its leaves every year. He said this is of Stan's ruling but not the ordinance and if he is going to plant trees then it should be the same as the last thirty years of what he has planted.

Katie said we have a motion and a second. John wants to correct one statement that was made, he said that Dr. Farrand said that the ordinance requires us to have an 8ft fence. It says the Planning Board may require construction of an 8ft wooden fence.

Gil said that Shawn mentioned he would be amenable to a fence, but it would need to be determined from where it starts and ends and a timeline.

Shawn said the last Board asked for trees.

John did clarify that it stated what the height of the trees needs to be but not what they have to start at.

Katie said she does not disagree with the salt and that is probably difficult to maintain and probably expensive.

Shawn said he would plant the 100 trees to satisfy this Board for this permit and within the next 24 months they start at the transfer station and run the 300ft, but the fence should be 6ft.

Katie said again there is a **motion** and a **second**.

Merrill Farrand said he would like to know where the transfer station is.

John said it is where he takes in the demolition material, (Shawn showing the Board on a map).

Merrill Farrand wanted to know if it should be enclosed in after the entrance and the rest of the way North.

Shawn said they do their maintenance in the front yard because they do not have access to the back of the building so if something breaks down it comes out front where there are 6 doors.

Doors 1 and 2 are scrap metal, doors 3 and 4 is mechanic space and doors 5 and 6 is what used to be the body shop but they do their own maintenance on their equipment, they do nothing for the public. He can section out the front yard and take it out of the junkyard ordinance and deed it out separate if his neighbors would like. Again, he said you only have to screen in the salvage yard, and it is unfair to him to have to screen in the whole operation. (Shawn showing the junkyard to the Board on map) The transfer station is not part of the junkyard.

Gil asked a question; would Shawn be willing to put in a fence from the transfer station to the end?

Shawn said he would.

Gil said that we have a **motion** and a **second** about the trees and that they should finish that motion and vote no and then he would make a motion about the fencing from the transfer station to the end.

Shawn believes a 6ft fence would be sufficient with the way the road is, he is already at 16ft high. This is why they got permission to put the Conex boxes in because they are foundations, and they are solid and rugged and won't blow over like a fence might.

John asked who recommended, the Conex boxes?

Shawn said the previous Board. He said he could bring them down, but you will be able to see the salvage operation.

Gil asked what the purpose of the Conex boxes was. Shawn said they are used for barriers and does have some parts in some of them. The top two they do not use because they do not have access to them.

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John asked how far off the road they are, roughly? Shawn said they are over a 100 ft away from the road. John said he thought he saw Conex boxes very close to the pine trees down by the end. Shawn said no. The boxes have been there for 8-10 years.

Joanne Andrews said that the footages mentioned in Shawn's questions from the Planning Board are in the explanations if the Board wants to read it about the area North of the gate.

John asked if the Conditional Use Permit had been issued yet from the Planning Board, Joanne said it has been issued and Shawn agreed. They are arguing over the one for Range E Road.

Shawn said the Conex boxes are not salvage. He said the ordinance says if you started a junkyard after 1973 after April or May, his junkyard was started in 1968 and he has a signed affidavit, so he does not have to deal with the 100ft setback.

Dean LePage asked if the Planning Board on a condition of his Conditional Use Permit required the trees, isn't the Board being productive, if we say fence and they are requiring trees, then which is it. John agreed. It seems as though the discussion of trees is going on and on. If his planning of the trees is not efficient, then it would become a Code issue.

Shawn said just so everyone is clear, the trees are part of the Planning Board requirements. He agreed that in two years that both Boards should get together and be on the same page.

John made a **motion** to end discussion and move the question, Gil **seconded, all** in favor. The motion now on the floor is to approve the permit for two years and that all testing results be sent to the CEO as early as possible and that he plants 100 trees per year. Shawn said that 100 trees each year is too much, Katie said discussion has stopped. Two for the **motion, two opposed.**

Shawn would like to be able to plant 100 trees this year to meet his obligation to the Planning Board and see how it feels over the next two years when he comes back.

Gil made a **motion** that the stipulation be the same except add 100 trees this year.

Shawn said they will guarantee and plant 100 trees in there in the next 6-8 months to suffice the Planning Board and the Selectmen's decision that the Planning Board is requiring.

Gil would like to see a fence built where the Planning Board has already stipulated trees, he does not want to make the conundrum anymore conundrum then it already is.

Shawn said the problem he has is that if he puts the trees in, he does not win and if he puts the fence in, he does not win because in two years when he comes back, fortunately some of them won't be sitting there and there will be a different Board and will tell him what they want. He said the CEO interprets the ruling differently than his lawyer, is a berm sufficient, is a fence sufficient, what height does the fence have to be?

Gil said technically there has been a **motion** but not a **second**, John asked him to restate his motion. Gil said that they do the testing results as he had said before and have 100 trees planted this year as opposed to 100 trees both years, John said he will **second** it for discussion.

Joanne said that they should add to their motion that Shawn should fulfill the Conditional Use Permit that he has agreed to with the Planning Board, that the Board is not covering and may not know about.

John said that if he does not fulfill those then Stan can pull his permits.

Stan said that Code will uphold the permits. (cannot really hear) if he does go into violation, Stan will enforce.

John asked Shawn when he has planted trees in the past, how big were they when he planted them?

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Shawn said the trees were 12ft tall when they bought them. The Planning Board did not give him a height and says also it will be an Evergreen species. These trees need to be smaller in order to fit them into the spots.

Stan said the definition of a tree on the State is 4.5ft.

John asked if he planted a 4.5ft tree now, what will it be in a year?

Stan – (still cannot hear) he states again that the height of trees is supposed to be 4.5ft tall.

John asked Stan what he has seen at CIA if a 4.5ft tree would solve the problem if he put one in between every tree that he has? How many trees are up there now?

Shawn said he will need 100 trees to do what Stan wants him to do and Shawn said it will not solve the problem. Shawn said he has been going by the Town ordinance for the last thirty years.

Katie said the definitions are available on Maine.gov and that the Town would go by that definition. She said they have a **motion** and a **second**.

Shawn asked if that was what the ordinance said, and she said it says tree and the definition is outlined in Maine.gov as 4.5ft.

John said that the Town ordinance says plantings not trees. John asked Steve McLean to come to the podium. John asked him if he wanted something to grow from the ground to 4ft and wide and fill, what would you use?

Steve said you would have to snip the top of the tree and provide maintenance. If you cut them off, then they grow out. If he puts 4ft trees up now you have to snip them off now. Tony is right with the salt issue.

John asked Gil to amend his **motion** and put plantings of a minimum height of 24 inches, Gil agreed, and John will amend his **second**, any type of planting with a minimum height of 2ft when they go in the ground.

Shawn asked before they vote, what if he can't find them?

John said every Home Depot in America has them. You need to get planting that is 2ft tall. It has to be 2ft from the base of the ground. Shawn said the ordinance does not say that.

John said the solution to the gaps is to plant shorter trees and maintain them so that he has a total block of the junkyard by using a natural planting, a hundred of them.

Merrill Farrand said that the Board already granted permit defining trees and the Board is going to be saying something different and he does not know if the Board should do that. Also, what is the intention of the ordinance and the law? It is to cloak the operation from the view, a 2ft Evergreen will take how many years to fill in? Steve McLean said a foot a year. Merrill said that would be it would be 6 years before it will fill in that space. He again reiterated that Shawn has a signed permit by the Planning Board that says trees.

Shawn said he has an agreement with the Planning Board to plant some trees, but it does not say they have to be 4ft, 5ft or even how big.

John asked if it says how many?

Joanne said from audience that it is left up to Stan on the number he has to plant.

Shawn said why don't we agree that between now and his next Conditional Use Permit for CIA Salvage on Route 5 that he will put up an 8ft preferably 6ft high fence from the beginning of the transfer station to the end of the yard heading North. Then he does not have to spend a lot of money and he can buy some small trees by the scale to satisfy that part for the Planning Board.

Katie said she knows there is a **motion** and a **second**, and there are no other questions.

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Gil said personally like this since there is a conundrum with the Planning Board situation. Gil asked Joanne if the Planning Board did specify trees? She said the Board has a copy and John agreed they do but it is not specific and leaves it to Stan.

The Board has directed it to Stan that a fence is going up where the Planning Board says that it is up to him. Let's meet at this and plant a couple trees knowing there is going to be a fence going up in the worst spots. It satisfies the Planning Board requirement and Stan knows there will be a fence going up.

Gil withdrew his **motion**; John withdrew his **second**.

John made a **motion** to issue a Junkyard/Graveyard permit to CIA for a two year period with the conditions that any and all testing that is done, the results are sent to the CEO as soon as possible and that within 24 months of the issue of the permit an 8ft high fence is installed from the transfer station section by the end of the scales North to the end of the salvage yard, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Wade asked Stan what the Planning Board for the fence is supposed to be 8ft or 6ft? Katie said 8ft and so did Stan, but the State says 6ft.

Shawn asked that the fencing can be metal, John said it can be metal, but the Board did not specify. Stan said the metal fence is fine as well.

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- Alesha checked with the two citizens who wanted to be a part of the committee to see if they would be interested in running the first meeting to get the committee started. She is waiting to hear back from them, hopefully an update at the next meeting.

Fire Building Update- No new update.

Bandstand update to repair- Neal Meltzer discussed that we had a balance available of \$7,203.75 and he indicated there was some concern of the floor rotting that they had uncovered. Unfortunately, it was very evident that they were all rotten all the way around so all the floor joists will need to be replaced. The contractor was not able to give a complete total estimate until he actually completes the work, but he was quite confident that the materials would not be more than \$2000 and that his labor would not be more \$5000 and hopefully less than that which would leave \$203.75 balance. This should be the last thing to find that is not covered under the contract. Neal did authorize the contractor to continue work. He believes this work is a long-term solution, adding additional protection. The extra work will make sure that the Bandstand will be there for generations to come. John asked if his original proposal include decking, Neal answered yes. The contractor did start the project weeks earlier than initially thought. Neal rebuilt the finial piece that was on top of the bandstand to save money, he made it out of a 40 year old piece of pine.

Review of Legal Accounts- Nothing new to update.

FOAA Requests- Nothing new to update.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update – Mike did some deed work, and he found a new deed from further back and as soon as the snow melts, he will find the three granite monument markers. He will update us when that has happened.

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Town Charter Update: Deedee was going to be working to set up the first meeting with Dave McLean, it has been scheduled for tomorrow in the Media Room, it is at 6PM.

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. With the weather change this week, the front ramp was dead on, it is a big factor in the ramp is exact or off by 1/16th.

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. Once the snow melts, we should get an update.

Town owned Property Letters- There are 6 properties that the Town has foreclosed on. The letters have not gone out yet but will within the next few weeks. They are currently with the Town attorney for revision. Once she sends them back, we will send out.

COVID Clinic- March 23rd from 10-2Pm in the basement at the Municipal Building. They can have shots or boosters. There will be sign, no appts needed.

Hollandville Project- John met with Neal and the Water District about a week or so ago about trying to put together a Bridge Loan. He thinks that is the only piece they are waiting for and once that is finalized/ approved and they have the money then they will send the signed contract to the contractor. The Town has to figure out who is going to sign for the Bridge Loan, it would be quicker for the Water District, however the award letter for the grant is in the Town of Limerick name and that is what the bank is using for collateral. They are hoping they can get past that piece and hold a special town meeting to authorize the Town to borrow that money. The bank needs three years of financial statements. Tony said that the sewer district has been losing money for the last three years, they need to increase rates. The sewer district cannot borrow any money, the water district does not have any debt right now. He does not want to see the treatment held up.

Vault Concerns: HVAC services has basically said that we can add humification to the unit out there which would require an underground water line. Without a water line the estimate is in the \$5000-6000 range, they recommend a free-standing unit that would not have a water line attached to and would need to be filled. The one they recommend; the Board can purchase online. The humification level is set at 30% and if you go below that there is a potential that the paper can get brittle. John would like to make a **motion** to spend up to \$1000 for a portable humification unit to go into the vault, Gil **seconded, all** in favor. At some point if they want to put a water line out, this unit will take a line when they decide to pave the driveway.

Rick's duty is checking that building daily so the Board will ask him to fill it.

Pickerel Pond Deed concern- Gil still feels deed restrictions should be added. John **motioned** to have the assessor's office create a deed deeding the Pickerel Pond Island to ourselves including

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the restriction that no structure or development of any kind can occur on the island, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

June Election- warrant article items to TC by 4/14- if anyone has anything they would like to be on this ballot needs to be to the TC by 4/14. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas to consider, please reach out the Board, if not approved then you can do a citizen's petition.

We have the plowing contract, electrical supply contract with CMP, elevator upgrade, paying the Animal Welfare Society contract, transferring the General Maintenance Person from Municipal Building Account to Administrative but we do not need this one and can come off.

Staff Meetings-No updates currently at this time.

Current Town Ways Plowing Bid- The bids will be due back on Monday, April 10th.

Lake Arrowhead Committee- if you are interested in joining, please reach out to Alesha.

New Business:

Certificate of Appointment Papers- John made a **motion** to sign the appointment papers for Stan Hackett for Building Inspector, CEO, CEO Shoreland, Plumbing Inspector, E911 Addressing Officer and Constable, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Sign the CDBG Drawdown Authorization and the State of Maine Service Contract- this is regards to the grants. John made a **motion** to authorize the Board Chair to sign the State of Maine Service Contract for CDBG and the CDBG Drawdown Authorization, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Review of Appointed Town Officials- Alesha will reach out to see if current Town officials are still interested in or not. This will be the first step; she will report to the Board next week.

Deny Abatement Requests (2)- 2 Abatement requests that were given to the assessor's office and our assessing agent Mike O'Donnell is recommending that we deny both requests. They are both in the Business Park lot. John made a **motion** to follow the assessing agent's recommendation and deny two abatement applications for Map 38, lot 132-07, and Map 38, lot 132-05, Wade **seconded**, **three** in favor, **one** abstained.

RSD Graphics Quote for new Town Sign- The quote is for \$2,675 for a 4 by 8 double sided sign at the Municipal Building, Alesha will bring back the Purchase Policy to the Board and will email them. This will stay on the agenda for next week.

Washington Street Sidewalks-There was a message on the Town website and FB that had gone out about halting of the sidewalks being snow-blown on Washington Street as more metal scraps and items were found in the snow. The contractor had some work left to do but was mostly done, in an abundance of caution not knowing what else maybe in the snow, they told the contractor he did not need to finish for the day, there was not much sidewalk left. This contract needs to be discussed about going back out to bid.

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Derek Welch had some concerns about this contractor getting paid when he did not finish the job but when he was not able to finish for similar reasons, he was fined.

Cheryl Edgerly had the same concerns as Derek.

Steve McLean wondered about the new contract saying removing of snow instead of just snow blowing. Should the townspeople be responsible for removing the snow in front of there property instead of the Town, possibly go on the June ballot for citizens to vote on?

Snow on Roof at Municipal Building- concern of snow falling off the roof, small ledge part. The only thing to really do is watch each snowstorm and if it believes it may be an issue then we will need to cone it off.

Need a Budget Committee Member for 3-year term-This will go on the website and FB. If interested please reach out to Alesha.

Need a Planning Board Member for 1-Year term- This will go on the website and FB. If you are interested, please reach out to Alesha and the Appeals Board also needs one as well.

York County Budget Discussion-District 4 is looking for 2 elected officials, Dean is interested in a position, Alesha will send him the information, the meeting is on April 12th.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Dean LePage- Bandstand- thanking the contractor and Ron Smith for getting the ball rolling. Also, should there be some funds appropriated for the Veterans' cemeteries for clean up and care?

Steve McLean- Fire station door, adding weather stripping, Alesha will check with Vinnie if he wants to take care if it or not.

ADJOURN MEETING: Gil **motioned** to adjourn; John seconded; **all** were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on Monday, March 27, 2023
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Respectfully submitted,

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