

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

John opened the meeting with the flag salute at 7:00PM- had a small technical glitch, meeting was resumed at 7:20pm

SELECT BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

John Medici, Ron Smith, Katie Proctor, Gil Harris, Wade Andrews

ATTENDEES: Alesha Buzzell, Cindy Smith, Derek Welch, Joanne Andrews, Dottie Richard, Stan Hackett, Lisa and Dean LePage, Colin Hubbard, Charles Pellegrino, Cheryl Edgerly, Steve McLean, Mike McLean

MINUTES:

Approve minutes of October 3rd meeting: Gil **motioned** to approve the minutes; Ron **seconded**; **all** were in favor.

WARRANT:

Motion to accept warrants: Ron **motioned** to accept the warrants; Gil **seconded**; **all** were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Ron read the announcements

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station-

She needed a new computer and Stan was willing to give her the one that the town had purchased for Mike Gilpatrick, and she wanted to make sure the Board was fine with her taking ownership, Gil made a **motion** to transfer the CEO laptop over to the Transfer Station, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor. Winter hours will also start at the Transfer Station on November 9th.

Stan Hackett, CEO-

Stan is a part of the Legislative Policy Committee, otherwise known as LPC with MMA. There are a several policies that MMA is going to challenge the Legislative body on to help municipalities and one of them is in the area of support on General Assistance in revenue sharing and educational classes in the legal department. Stan will continue to update.

Stan is also a part of the National Code Alliance; this alliance sets all the codes for Code Enforcement. They are trying to enact a carbon footprint on concrete foundations and CEOs are trying to reverse this because there really isn't anyway for them to check it, but it would just create another certification before they pour concrete that they would have to watch for.

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Hilltop Restaurant was still awaiting the state to come and do their health inspecting as of last week. They were supposed to come on Friday the 21st. Stan will update once he knows how the report went.

The Sokokis Lake has had an issue with islands of debris that are forming from the lake being flooded 100 years ago, the algae is being pushed up from the bottom of the lake when it warms up and will go back down when it gets cold again. The DEP and EPA are both involved. They are hoping to help resolve this issue since these islands popping up can be super dangerous to boaters and skiers.

Route 11 Culvert issue- the state is watching daily as is Stan, but it is not bad enough yet for them to fix. It has started to dip on the other side of the road now as well.

CEO Report for October-

Permitting Fees- \$13, 026. 56 for September

YTD \$176, 521.01 - \$95,000.00 Solar Fees which leaves \$81, 521.01

Violations- 2 buildings within town without a permit received a violation, both have been resolved. When you do something without a permit, it is double the fee.

911 Numbers- A few people have decided to make their own numbers on there locations, this number will not be in the system so Fire or EMS will not be able to find you from that location, please do not do this. Please make sure any numbers that you are putting up are also reflective.

Central Ave Boat Launch- this boat launch is owned by the State, and they have said they will not be fixing the area but are willing to do an agreement for the town to own, Stan has not received this yet but will update the Board when he does.

Concession Stand- the stairs do need to be replaced from the report of MMA and Stan did check them out. We will be looking at getting these fixed as soon as possible.

Cindy Smith, Librarian-

The artist of the month is Sharon New, business name is Nothin' but Cotton, she does pieced quilts, wall hangings, pillows and creating with wool. The next paint day will be Saturday, October 22 at 10am, \$10 per person and there are five openings left. The automotive code reader that the library purchased has been taken out four times already which is great. On Thursday, October 27th at 6pm, Elizabeth MacCalaster will be coming, she wrote War Pigeons. The new library website should be up and running soon.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Bid Packages- Mowing, Sidewalk Plowing, Town Owned Properties- DUE TODAY

Sidewalk Bid- They awarded the sidewalk last week but there was a question about the vote, 2-1-1, the vote does count for an affirmative vote. This bid is accepted and will be ready to sign once the contract is done.

Mowing Bid- Maintenance Man's bid does not have any changes; he understood the bid as it was spec out, so he understood the same as the Board did. His contract will be \$14,127.30 per year. The next closest bid was \$26,060.00. Gil made a **motion** to award the mowing contract to Maintenance Man for \$14,127.30, Ron **seconded, all** in favor. There was a question about who mows the Highland and Annex Cemeteries. John believes the Cemetery Association handles these two cemeteries. It is the town report for \$5500.00 for Highland and Annex, we are not sure if we are paying the Cemetery Association or the contractor directly who mows it. Alesha did find an invoice from JS Masonry from August where she mowed Annex and Highland. Alesha will check with Tracie from JS Masonry to see who asked her to mow these cemeteries and what the actual cost was.

Town Owned Properties Bid- We had two bids; the only difference was that the higher bidder had a lower number for sanding only. The Board did some math computation to see if the higher bidder may end up costing less money. That was not the case, we run on an average of 14 storms, the difference was \$599 so that is roughly \$8400 more that we would be paying for the higher bidder. It would take 30 sand able events to make up that difference and we have 8 on average. Some storms required sanding to only a few of the town buildings and not all. It looks as though R.C. Richardson would be the most beneficial for the town cost wise. Wade made a **motion** to accept the bid from R.C. Richardson Jr. for the three-year contract for sanding and plowing for town owned properties, Ron **seconded, all** in favor.

Fire Building Update- There will be an Informational meeting for the public, a Q and A. Karen from Great Falls will be there to help answer any questions. This will be held on Monday, October 24th at 6pm.

Town Gazebo- No new update.

Review of Legal Accounts- The bill was just over \$4000, 51% was Ordinance review, 39% was dealing with the ongoing lawsuits, and 10% was to review an employee grievance.

FOAA Requests- One looking for the Fire Chief's contract.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- Mike is working on this project but is working on another big project. He will finish it as soon as he can, most of the work has been accomplished. Wade will continue to update.

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Update on Business Park Lot Sale- The last one is under contract for being purchased before the end of the year.

Policy Review- Credit Card Policy- There were a few minor adjustments to the policy. John would like to change that the person ordering from Sams or Amazon will let the Treasurer know when an order from either of these is happening, does not need Select Board approval.

Town Charter- setting up a meeting with town lawyer-Natalie is checking her schedule but looks like the meeting will be in November after the vote on the 8th.

Sign issue at Elm/Range E Road update- The sign is not up yet. John will make sure it will be installed this week.

Track Update at Ball Park- Progress is coming together nicely. Just waiting for it to get rolled.

Camera Update at Ball Park- Verizon is working on the SIM cards and should have them back within a week.

Electrician Update from Safety Inspection Report- He started work on 10/11 and should be completed within the month.

Bid for electrical work at BTH installing light poles- Brian will do the lights after the other work is accomplished.

BTH Repairs- Another gentleman has looked at it, John will meet him there to clarify a few questions. He felt his cost would be significantly less.

Budget Preparation- The next meeting will be November 10th at 7pm.

Cemetery Mowing- All Board members received a packet on cemetery mowing from MMA. More discussion next week.

Insulating at BTH- back wall- If anyone is interested in doing this work or the Town Gazebo work, please reach out to the Select Board's office at 793-4475.

MMA Worker's Compensation Fund Renewal Form- Estimated payroll form for 2023- John emailed back on today, October 17th. We did surpass \$1,000,000.00 in payroll.

Budget Season Items:

Constable/Traffic Road Ordinance-Stan has agreed to take this position for no more money this year and has said he would do for no money at all. Since he is willing to do it for free now, should the Board accept him now into the position since it goes along with an ordinance he is looking to enact? Ron made a **motion** to hire Stan as the town Constable and accept the ordinance as presented, Gil **seconded, all** in favor.

Changing of Payroll Company and Digital Time Tracking

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St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church
Maine Public Radio/TV

Pickerel Pond Boat Launch Update- Stan discussed this in his report.

OTIS Elevator Discount Program- Alesha emailed them for more information, they have not emailed back yet. We have had a few issues in the last week with the elevator, they have had to come three times to look at it. They did find a few things to replace.

Expanding Signs at Ballpark for no parking- John will talk to Bob about adding some additional signs further down the Ballpark Road.

MMA- Town Owned Properties Inspection Report Update- Alesha has emailed MMA a few report updates. There are a few left to accomplish, and she will update MMA as they are done.

New Business:

Spectrum Notice- Mass mailing notice, this can be thrown out.

Discuss GA Account- The GA has been very busy. We can overspend this account if need be. John would like to pull the GA account and make it a separate account for the next budget season because right now it is in the middle of the administrative government. For the Board's purpose it makes it a little better because if it is overspent from, they can cover from other areas but if it was pulled out it is easier to identify. The plan is to continue processing GA applications, we have been receiving some reimbursement from the state. We have two smaller accounts that we can use, and we can also move money from our contingency account if need be. Gil thinks we should add more money into this account for next year.

Policy Review- Background Checks- Alesha will make the few changes and bring for next week for the Board to sign as well as the background check form that you sign to have a background check done as an employee.

Review Town Owned Properties Inspection Report Update- John has received some calls from taxpayers that would like to see the town auction off land or homes that are owned by the town. Alesha will get town owned properties list from Laura and Dottie for next week. This will stay on the agenda for more discussion.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Steve McLean

ADJOURN MEETING: Ron **motioned** to adjourn; Wade **seconded**; **all** were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

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These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: Monday, October 24, 2022

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Alesha Buzzell

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