

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

John opened the meeting with the flag salute at 7:02PM

SELECT BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES: Dottie Richard, Cheryl Edgerly, Gail Libby, Steve McLean, Joe Parsons, Dean and Lisa LePage, Merrill and Wendy Farrand, Mike McLean, Vinnie Pelletier, Stan Hackett, Joanne Andrews, Martha Hamilton, John Fogg Sr., Adam Mason, Robert Fossett

MINUTES:

Approve minutes of October 31st meeting: Wade **motioned** to approve the minutes; Ron **seconded**; **all** were in favor, Gil abstained.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Ron read the announcements

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Stan Hackett, CEO:

Road signs have gone up at the end of the Business Park closest to Doles Ridge Road where it enters the Business Park, and a stop sign was added. The Dog Road sign is also in the correct location now at the end by Route 11 and the Blackberry Road sign was moved to the appropriate location.

Several culvert issues Stan is watching because of beaver dams, the biggest one on Route 11, DOT is also watching but Stan consulted Carroll Materials that believes the culvert is deteriorating from the bottom up causing the sinking. Stan is watching this one more closely, as DOT has continued to just patch the road instead of replacing.

October Permit Revenue: \$10,041.96
November to date: \$5,502.76
YTD: \$188,493.57

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Enhanced E-911 System: In 2019, the FCC adopted 2 laws, Kari's Law, and Ray Baum's Act. Kari's Law is a federal regulation in the United States requiring all modern multi-line telephone systems purchased, installed, or significantly upgraded after February 16, 2020, to reach emergency dispatchers upon dialing 911, without dialing a prefix. We all know that Apple has adopted where if you even say anything about an emergency it will dial 911 and send your location.

The Ray Baum's Act requires that first responders have the necessary information needed to pinpoint the "dispatchable location," and quickly reach a 911 caller regardless of the device they dial from or their exact location. We as a town are required by law to issue 911 addresses. The goal is to help first responders find your home by having your address correct and visible from the street.

Abandoned Vacant Buildings- Stan has located two, these buildings are not safe, and the public should not be using. Stan is adding tape around the buildings so people know to stay out. If they are town owned vacant buildings, then he is also adding a no trespassing sign to the location. If you know of any vacant or abandoned buildings, please let a town official know.

Pickerel Pond Boat Launch- Stan has found a company to repair the issues. We are now just waiting for the state to come down and allow us to repair with no cost to the town.

Concession Stand- Rick added the address to the door for the 911 address and Stan and Ron rebuilt the stairs. Stan has a permit for replacing the stairs that he is asking the Board to waive the fees which is \$100.00. Gil made a **motion** to waive the fee, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Brick Town Hall- the lights have been installed but are not energized yet. This should happen in the next week or so.

Transfer station well- Stan worked with DEP; they decided no additional amendments to the licensing for the transfer station. They are willing to allow the well to be dug for a bathroom and bathroom only, with the stipulation that they amend their annual report that they have changed and added a bathroom. The other stipulation is to add a sign that says no drinking water. Stan has let Joanne know as well. There is also some contamination that of a chemical from way back in the past. The contamination is a chemical called Chlorinite which was used for cleaning. They are trying to find the source, but they are not 100% where it is circulating from.

Vinnie Pelletier, Fire Chief:

October Report: 54 calls, 12 Fire, 38 EMS, 4 Fire/EMS for car accidents, 2 Mutual Aid out of town, 12 EMS out of town

The new station was approved, long term success for the Town of Limerick. Vinnie would like to thank all the members on the Public Safety Committee for their hard work, Wade Andrews, Ray Bishop, Howard Burnham, Bernie Carroll, Mike McLean, Steve McLean, Rick Manson, John Medici.

ISO Update: Started submitting records as part of the Fire Department correction plan. They have been developing and increasing their training. They have acquired a structure on Sokokis Lake that they have been able to practice some real-life training on. They have been working on a

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system for record keeping and everything that has been done since June is now on file and they will continue to work on this. Vinnie has purchased an online training platform called Fire Rescue Academy, just starting to utilize the program and get some extra hours for the members for there annual memberships. It was reasonably price and is a decent product. In January, the goal is to have a policy in place for minimum training requirements for all members of the department to remain active. These minimum training requirements are set by ISO. Vinnie met with the Emergency Communication Center in Sanford to discuss dispatch; we rated low on ISO in this, but they did not know right off hand what the issue was. They completed a form which Vinnie gave them that they have now updated. It has been submitted so hopefully this will correct the deficiency that we had. Vinnie is working on showing the evidence that we have staff 24/7 and a Fire Chief for 25 hours a week. We did not get credit in this area before so hopefully we can get this corrected as well. The last piece of this is Community Risk Reduction, we must provide records of all the inspections the Fire Department has been doing for last 6 months, keeping track of what type of occupancies we are doing, what deficiencies they are finding. Then the Public Fire Prevention details that Ron mostly handles, they need to find a way to document these events and submit them as well.

Ambulance Subscription Program: Vinnie drafted a policy and would like to have this in place for January 1st. Essentially you pay a fee once a year to subscribe to the program, after that you would not pay any more ambulance fees should you need it. The plans would be \$50 single household, \$75 two-person household and \$100 for family. They will mail out a mailer in December, this will stay on the agenda for the Board to review and Vinnie to send out.

Steve McLean, Budget Committee:

They are still short some budgets, Alesha will resend some emails out to remind the department heads that have not submitted them. They are also looking for the Board to purchase 5 tablets that the Budget Committee and Select Board can use that would not be allowed to leave the building. The Board did not make a motion to accept or approve.

Joe Parsons, Rec Director:

The Parks and Rec Facebook was hacked so they have to start a completely new one. If anyone wants to sign their child up for basketball, you can send an email to jparsons@limerickme.org. Also, if anyone needs to get in touch with Miranda the dance instructor, the email is mirandaemmons1@hotmail.com. If you have done dance in past and want to reach out to Miranda, they would love any old and new dance members who want to participate in the Christmas parade this year. Joe also decided to wait and order the bleachers next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bid Packages-Mowing- The Board will sign the mowing contract at the end of the meeting and the bids are due Monday, November 21st by 12pm for the two cemetery locations.

Fire Building Update- The Chief touched on this. Now that the vote has passed on the new fire station, John has reached out to Karen at Great Falls to produce a contract. Karen did generate a

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contract which has been sent to Natalie for review. If anyone is interested in wanting to see a copy, please reach out to Alesha. The preliminary process has been started with Partners Bank for funding. Mike McLean would like to thank all taxpayers who came out to support this new fire building. Mike will be sitting this week with Vinnie to move forward and what the plan will be. He will update the Board next week.

Town Gazebo- No new update. Still looking for someone who would like to take on a maintenance type role within the town. If interested, please reach out to Alesha for an application at selectboardadmin@limerickme.org or 793-4475.

Review of Legal Accounts- The bill this month was under \$400. The November bill will be much higher, the Board had some success in court, but the decision was appealed, and the Board was once again served. Natalie is overseeing all cases and handles the ones she needs to do and hands off the ones that need to go to MMA.

FOAA Requests- Nothing new from the week.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update – Still the same, no new update yet.

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

Policy Review – Emergency Action Plan- Ray did respond. The Board will review and update next week.

Town Charter- The meeting with Natalie, our town attorney, will be held on Monday, November 28th at 6pm. They will be looking for committee members for this charter. Some will be elected, and some will be appointed by the Board. The public is urged to attend, this is very important for the town.

Camera Update at Ball Park- The cameras that we purchased were not compatible with Verizon. Ron made a **motion** to sell the cameras to John Medici for the cost spent on them. The money will then go to purchase new cameras, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor, John abstained.

Electrician Update from Safety Inspection Report- Alesha will reach out again for another update to see when lights will be working at BTH and when all town buildings will be complete.

BTH Repairs/Insulating Back wall - Still on hold until the Board can find someone who is willing to do this work. The town purchased the insulating, Rick did the weather stripping on the door and Ron volunteered his time and accomplished the insulating. Thank you to both.

Cemetery Mowing- Waiting for the bids to come back on the 21st. We still need to discuss our responsibility in Veteran's graves.

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Budget Season Items:

Changing of Payroll Company and Digital Time Tracking-

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

OTIS Elevator Discount Program-The Board will sign the contract at the end of the meeting.

Expanding Signs at Ballpark for no parking- Bob is looking to get some pricing and how many signs we should add, John will follow up for an update.

MMA- Town Owned Properties Inspection Report Update- The side of the snowmobile building still needs to be fixed, Matt knows and has ordered the supplies to do the work. The insulation is still laid out, Alesha sent an email to MMA asking if they could leave it lying flat, so the mice do not get into it. They are planning to use it for repairs this winter.

Review Town Owned Properties for potential sale- A letter was composed, Natalie reviewed and made minimal changes. She reminded the Board of the state statue. John wants to send the letter to handful of foreclosed properties that are occupied and see what response we receive; the letters will be signed by the Board next week.

Policy Review- Fund Balance- review with Purchase Policy- The Board will review and discuss next week.

New Business:

Employee Grievance- The Select Board Meeting was suspended at 7:55pm for an employee grievance. The cameras will stay live per the employee's request. The grievance hearing ended at 9:07pm and the Select Board meeting continued.

BTH Application- Christmas Party on December 18th, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

BTH Application- Bingo for the Limerick Historical Society in July, Gil **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Both of these applications will be approved for now, but the Board can not guarantee that the building will be able to be occupied when May and July come around.

BTH Application- Plant Sale for the Limerick Historical Society in May, Gil **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Quit Claim Corrective Deed- John looking for a motion to sign the deed for Andre and Christine DesVergnes, Gil **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor. The Board will sign at the end of the meeting.

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Getting the windows washed at the Municipal Building- Alesha will check with the company that we had previously washed the windows in 2012. She will update the Board once a quote is received.

Letter from Newfield Planning Board- The Board received a letter claiming that we are an abutter of 500 feet of Newfield Sand and Gravel, and they are looking to expand their gravel operation. Wade is going to find out what property we own that abuts the sand pit.

Concern on ZBA decision of appeal, M.F.- Merrill Farrand is disputing that the Appeals Board reversed the decision of the Planning Board for the approval of junkyard on Range E Road. He would like the Board to look at all the information at hand, the information he has emailed, the meeting videos and uphold the Planning Board's decision.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Martha Hamilton- spoke about the potential junkyard

Wendy Farrand- spoke about the appeal decision from the ZBA on 11/3/22

John Fogg- spoke of his unhappiness with the rescue crew from an accident his son was involved in, the rescue not having an EMT on board

Steve McLean-spoke about his part in the Appeals Board and the junkyard- urging the Board to reach out to the town lawyer to get all the facts

ADJOURN MEETING: Gil **motioned** to adjourn; Katie **seconded**; **all** were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on:

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Alesha Buzzell

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