

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 27, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES: Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Katie Rooney, Steve McLean, Tony Carroll, Nick Storer,

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes: Brady **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor, **two abstained**.

WARRANT:

Motion to accept warrants: Brady **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor, **one** abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**Katie Rooney, Ampion:**

Katie did a report about renewable energy. She is hoping to help the Town of Limerick enroll into their community solar program. The small solar sites work as power plants for the utility and the electricity goes right onto the grid. She believes the Town would save around \$6500 annually. The discount would be about 15% less than the Standard Offer rate from CMP and there is no cost to joining this program. The information she provided will be available on the Town website. The Board discussed after Katie's presentation and will see if the Town is able to get any other rates or programs for a better rate than 15%.

**Tony Carroll, Limerick Water and Sewer District:**

He wanted to update everyone on the progress. Thank you to the voters for there vote of confidence they gave them for repurposing the money to help make things better. They accomplished the Hollandville project and will now move onto the new project. They are hoping to get more water and sewer lines separated. This should hopefully provide lines to feed the system. The iron problem that they have, they are pumping off from is a new well that they put in 1.5 years ago. It is producing water with an iron content of .6. Anything over .3 is recommended for treatment, it was .2 when it was put online. They knew it was going to go up considering when you are pulling water through gravel. They put the well on that was on Washington Street that was out of service, it is producing 15,000-20,000 gallons a day of lower iron water. They started this process in 2020 and received permission from the Drinking Water Program to add this well back online. In 2021, they secured the funding and they put the new well online and knew this was not going to be a permanent fix, but it did help for a little while. The other well that they

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were dealing with that the last of them were on was around 2.8 in iron. In 2022, they secured grants and built an addition to the building for treatment and had treatment engineered and obtained necessary approval from the Drinking Water Program to put the treatment on. In 2023, they received a \$600,000 grant through the Drinking Water Program and the design was completed and they had to have it approved. Once that was completed, they were able to put the design out to bid which happened in June 2023. They received two very competitive bids which were within \$9000 of each other. They chose the lower bid which was Northeast Earthworks Mechanical out of Pittsfield, NH. They obtained the services of Neal Meltzer to secure the necessary bridge funding while they are getting the grant. They also had to have the debt ceiling raised with the state to receive the bridge loan. The firm that was awarded the contract should be starting this week. They have a pre-construction meeting on Wednesday. They have materials coming in and have moved trailers in. They are hoping within 6-8 weeks to have some good water for the Town. They will be green sand filters. The only way to really get iron out of filters is to back flush it. You have to back flush it like a pool filter. CMP uses these filters at their Alfred location. The engineer company that was hired has done several of these systems so they are confident even though it may take a while to work out all of the bugs. It will also be more expensive because it will take more chemicals and power and water rates will go up. This is a lot cheaper than Portland Water District. Water is not like sewer, if you are not happy you can always put in a well, he does not recommend it, but it is an option. Gil asked Tony about the business owner that came to the last Select Board meeting. Tony said it is just iron and you have to have a way to back flush the filter. The other issue was that he had not been able to get in touch with anyone from water and sewer and Tony said anytime anyone has gotten a hold of him, he has responded. Tony said there were two people from the same firm, which was the tenant and landlord and he said that at his grow operation he strips his water right out completely. He is not sure that even when the treatment is on that it still may not be good enough or not. The owner cannot even have chlorine in it and by law they have to have so much chlorine in it. He thinks he got poor guidance in his filters.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- We have had one new member reach out to join, Alesha let Joe know and we are hopeful for the possibility of a meeting at the beginning of the new year.

Fire Building Update- The subscription ambulance program forms for 2024 were mailed out last week, people should start seeing these in their mail. For people that do not receive mail, forms can be found at the fire station and at the Municipal Building. If people are unable to pick up a form, please call the fire station and we will deliver a form. The deadline to register for the 2024 Ambulance Subscription Program is December 31, 2023. If anyone has questions or needs additional information, please call the fire chief at 207-205-0097.

The Ambulance Subscription Program is a direct benefit to the residents of Limerick, particularly people that do not have health insurance, are under-insured or on a fixed income. Subscribers pay one annual fee to receive unlimited emergency medical care and ground transport to the closest appropriate hospital.

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The station roof is complete, walls nearly complete, Apparatus floor concrete will be poured this Thursday morning and interior work should begin over the coming weeks.

Review of Legal Accounts- There was bill just over \$3000, most was a lot of communication with the CEO over a few different issues.

FOAA Requests- FOAA requests are continued to be posted on the website.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- No new update this week.

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

BTH Repairs-John was stood up once again, the contractor said it was going to be a piece of work but then has not responded since. John believes we may need to move forward with Knowles and add it into the budget for next year. Alesha will get that quote back out and this will get added under BTH repairs.

Town-owned Property Letters- Alesha and Katie will meet this week to follow up on an email that she sent the attorney.

Vault Concerns/permanent water line- The company made some adjustments over the phone to some of the limits but the number of incidents of low humidity have been fewer, but they have still received some monitoring calls. They basically said that this may only be 100% when we add a water line, but they will work with the two machines we have for now. It is difficult to keep within the range that the division in Augusta talks about for documents. The numbers have to be so close that it is hard to do with two machines.

New Business Park Sign- The sign is ready; the posts have been ordered. They should be in next week. They will mark for dig safe to check in the next few days and then the posts will be put in and the sign will be hung.

Laptops for Budget Committees- Laptops are here and this will come off the agenda.

Shelter Survey- Katie will continue to update when she hears from Ray.

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

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. We will update as soon as we have any new information.

Approved Snow Dump Locations- Stan emailed, they are still in the permit process. In the meantime, the Town can dump snow in the old landfill location.

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MMA inspections report follow-up- Hazard Communication Plan, Emergency Action Plan, VDT Training- Alesha is working on VDT Training with MMA with questions, the Board has a Hazard Communication plan to review, and Jay Solomon has the Emergency Action Plan for review. Katie had one comment for the Hazard Communication plan, not using the custodian's name, only using custodian. She felt the same for the Health/ Safety Officer, just using titles. Alesha will make those changes and the Board will review for any more changes they would like to see.

Allaire Drive- This information is still with the lawyer, we are going to need them to draft a purchase and sales agreement, a warrant article that will allow us to enter into a purchase and sales agreement and sell the lots as long as the vote is positive. We also need solid wording to protect us for the completion of the road and in a timely fashion. The buyer will do a letter of credit or a bond, whichever one the lawyer prefers, she did not have a preference. The opinion of our lawyer has always been a letter of credit. John would like to see this pulled together for March. He would also like to see an article that states that once the road is brought to Town standards that it be taken over as a Town road.

Auction of Lake Arrowhead lots- The information was sent back to the committee and the Board is waiting to hear their report on what lots they recommend selling. Alesha will follow up with this committee this week and ask them to expand themselves outside of Lake Arrowhead. For insistence there are two on Dog Road that may be worth more now since that road has now become a Town road.

Review of abatement from three meetings ago- Gil **motioned** to deny the request based on the input from the assessing company, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor, **one** abstained.

Proposal from Energy Professionals- We received a quote from Energy Professionals with some rates that the Town maybe able to take advantage of off the standard rate from CMP. Gil will reach out back out to this company and see what the next step will be, looks like a 37% savings.

Sand/salt for BTH- This will be accomplished tomorrow.

#### **New Business:**

BTH Application- Brady **motioned** for approval of the BTH for use on 12/24 for a family Christmas party, John **seconded**, **all** in favor, **one** abstained.

BTH Application- Wade **motioned** for approval of the BTH for use on 12/20 for the Boy Scouts, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Update on Bandstand- Email from Neal Meltzer- As I had described to you in September, the temporary railing on the left-hand side of the level platform just before entering the wooden ramp was installed to address a fall concern registered by the CEO. At that time, the Road Commissioner planned on re-grading the area in front of the Bandstand along Locust Hill that

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would have addressed the grade differences, that are creating the fall concern, so that the temporary railing would not be necessary in the future. The Road Commissioner has decided to postpone the re-grading of Locust Hill until next year at which time he will reassess the situation. In order to facilitate snow removal and to meet concerns registered by plowing contractors and neighbors, the temporary post and railing should be taken down. Once taken down, the Bandstand should not be open to the public. Putting a temporary barrier of some sort across the entrance to the ramp (barrier tape, vinyl cable/chain, etc.) will accomplish this and inform the public that the Bandstand should not be used. Since there would be no reason to access the level platform with the Bandstand entrance closed, this will address the fall concern. Taking the railing down is relatively straightforward and involves removing several fasteners and digging out the post. I believe that the Maintenance crew or the Road Commissioner could do this without doing any damage to the permanent parts of the Bandstand railing. In the spring, should the Road Commissioner decide that it is not necessary to regrade Locust Hill, then a removable metal railing (already designed and donated by LMC Light Iron) would be installed and the level pad would be paved.

Alesha will check with Isaac about removing the railing and chaining off the entrance once Christmas in Limerick is over this weekend coming up.

Holiday decorations- Normally we add garland to the bandstand, wreath at Tibbetts Park and the Municipal Building, John **motioned** to have Cross Street Florist, Jen Richardson, do the wreaths and garlands as she has done in the past, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Discuss repairs on inside of BTH- The door went back on the bathroom; some ceiling tiles have been replaced. Alesha will be meeting with one of the approved plumbers on Wednesday about the second-floor bathroom. The new media equipment will be replaced in 6-8 weeks. More updating to come.

Discussion of more cameras for Municipal Building- There are some blind spots, John believes the company can accomplish this with changing some of the cameras that we already have to wide angled cameras. We will get a quote from Minuteman and update when we have one.

2024 Revaluation- The total contract is \$175,000. Last year the Board approved \$100,000 from the budget. They believe there may already be \$50,000 in there but will double check, so we know how much more we need to budget this year.

Sign Saco River Corridor Commission Paper- Katie looking to appoint Brian Porter as the alternate for the Saco River Corridor Commission, Gil **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Motion for 4hrs. of pay on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>- The Board voted to close the Municipal Building at 12PM on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Wade **motioned** to approve pay for 4hours on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Citizen complaint on Doles Ridge Road- Alesha received a phone call from a citizen claiming to have popped a tire and bent a wheel on a pothole on Doles Ridge Road, she is looking to see if she can get compensation. Alesha will get in touch with Scott and ask him to travel the road to try and

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find the location. Once the Town is told there is a pothole, we have 24hrs to fix it or then the Town would be responsible for damage but are not responsible for the damage when we are first told about it.

Mailboxes in right of way on Town roads- Just a reminder that if your mailbox is in the right of way, it is not the Town's responsibility or the plow driver if it is taken out.

#### HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Nick Storer- Question on why the sidewalks were not completed after the last storm to the white line and asking about salting and sanding. Also, wondering about the BTH and thought the Town did not want to spend a lot of money. He will meet John up there again and quote the project.

Tony Carroll- Salting and sanding the sidewalks, feels like it will just add some much to people's property in the spring. He was excited to see the crew closing in the fire station in over the weekend and they should be praised.

Steve McLean- Concern over the 4hrs of pay on Wednesday and the Municipal Building closing and a concern over an appeal that needed to be dropped off and the office was closed. Also, the per diem people who are working at Fire Station and should there be some compensation for them. The Fire Department called him and asked for a donation of a tree, he wanted to make sure it was ok with the Board. There was a crew that worked at the fire station over the weekend and no one from Great Falls or the Town was monitoring what was going on. He felt there should be someone there supervising. He has heard that CEO was not allowed up there, John said he does not believe that to be true. Steve said that Stan has told him that a lot of what has happened up there, he has not been pervy too. John says that those statements are contradicting, and Steve said he will stick to both statements.

He would like to know why we have contracts; we are wishy washy on them and over salting and sanding. We should treat all contractors the same. John **motioned** to instruct the sidewalk contractor to sand or salt or combination after every sidewalk snow removal, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will type up a letter that the Board will sign and then will send to contractor.

John thinks we should consider a warrant article or maybe the Charter Commission is working on this, that any Town business, contracts, etc. for business days/calendar days across the board and if the deadline falls on a Holiday or the Town office is closed you will have 24 hrs. to do your business, or to that affect. This would have to go through the attorney as well. Maybe other Towns have a policy on this, or MMA could provide some insight. John thought maybe this information could be delivered to the Town Clerk and time stamped, we could check with her and see. We need to make sure everyone is on the same page.

ADJOURN MEETING: Wade **motioned** to adjourn; Brady **seconded; all** were in favor at 9:06 PM

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Monday, December 4, 2023

End of Broadcast

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Respectfully submitted,

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