

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2021

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

John M. Medici, Wendy M. Thorne, Heath D. Edgerly, David C. Gibson, Wade E. Andrews

ATTENDEES:

- Bill Jones, Laura May, DeeDee Tibbetts, Judy LePage, Bob Richardson, Steve McLean, Michael McLean, Dave Candage, Howard Burnham, Joanne Andrews

CALL TO ORDER:

- Wendy opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00PM.
- Chair/Vice Chair nominations: Wade **nominated** John Medici for the Chair. Dave **second. Four were in favor, John did not vote.** Wade **nominated** Wendy for Vice Chair. Dave **second. Four** were in favor, John did not vote.
- John brought up requiring masks at the Selectmen's meetings. Dave **motioned** to stop wearing masks. Heath **second.** There was a discussion between the Board members on wearing masks during the Selectmen's meetings. Dave Candage made a comment on the subject of requiring masks and how they did not do anything and John asked who it hurts and Dave made a comment about it being a control thing. There were comments from Heath about mandating wearing masks. Gail Libby made a comment about the consequences of violating the mandate. John brought up that because this involves the public they are going to allow the public to speak but when they are discussing between the Board they won't normally allow the public to speak but because the discussion involves the audience it will be allowed. DeeDee commented on the mandate of wearing masks. **The vote was 4-1 in favor of continuing to wear masks at the meetings.**
- John brought up the Board having an official Facebook person for informational purposes only and the secretary agreed to do so. Heath **motioned** that Courtney runs a business Facebook for the Town of Limerick. Wendy **second.** Dave commented on how it is a good idea. **All** were in favor.

MINUTES:

- Heath **motioned** to approve the minutes for March 8. Wendy **second.** There was discussion between the Board members about the minutes. **All** were in favor.

WARRANT:

- Heath **motioned** to approve the warrants. Wade **second. All** were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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- Wendy read the announcements.
- Heath welcomed the new Board members on his and Wendy's behalf.

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Joanne Andrews, Handicap & revitalization committee: Submitted to the Board appointments for the 2021/2022 year, for Sean Carroll, Theresa Crandall, Gail Libby, Martha Hamilton-Smith, and Joanne Andrews. Wendy **motioned** to approve the five names that Joanne mentioned. Heath **second. All** were in favor.
- Heath brought up scheduling to have the department heads come in once a month and John made a comment about making a list of the department heads and do a rotating schedule.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Overlook camera: There was no update and they are still waiting on CMP and Steve McLean made a comment about CMP having hooked the power up and it being ready for whoever does the camera. John asked for Courtney to contact Norris or let Dottie know.
- Tree removal Rte. 5 intersection: There are no updates. There was discussion between the Board members on what had held up the contractor doing the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Accept Mike Ward resignation: Wendy **motioned** to accept his resignation. Wade **second. All** were in favor.
 - Consider Ray Bishop for EMA Director: Heath **motioned** to consider Ray as our new EMA Director. Michael McLean, Fire Department Chief, made a comment about what a good job Ray has done for the Fire Department. John made a comment about putting an announcement out that they are looking for an EMA director and Wendy made a comment about having Ray because he is the back up to the EMA Director. **All** were in favor.
- Modem wave contract: 20 hour, 12 month contract for \$1,500. Wendy **motioned** to accept the contract from Modem Wavs for \$1,500 for this year. Wade **second. Heath** brought up discussing considering going to another company and John made the comment of maybe doing that in the future. Laura May made the comment that they had already accepted it. Judy LePage made a comment about TRIO recommending using Chris Sanborn, Modem Wavs, because he knows the program. Laura made the comment about Chris taking over the account for the website.
- Committee appointments: DeeDee told the Board that she has lists of people who got one write in vote and people who had been sworn in today and appointed officials and a committee list. John asked her to compile the list for next week.
- Heath made the comment about advertising for a new ACO.
- Heath made a comment about having the Budget Committee and Laura meet once a month.

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- Heath brought up talking to Jessie Winters about an immediate fire escape at the Fire Station and forming another Fire Department workshop. There was a comment about putting an ad in the paper for a Fire Chief. John handed out a draft for a Request for Proposal for an egress at the Fire Station and there was discussion between the Board on the Request for Proposal and what to do with the Request for Proposal and John made the comment about putting it on Facebook. Wendy made a comment on the purchase policy and voting on the finalized copy of it. Heath **motioned** to accept this draft copy. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor. John handed out to the Board and secretary and read a proposal for a Safety Building Committee. Wendy **motioned** to form a Fire Department Building Committee. Heath **second**. There was discussion between John and Heath about the committee. Michael McLean commented about perfect timing to do this. Howard Burnham made a comment about wanting to be on the committee and about the Appeals Board. Steve McLean made a comment about having this on the June or July ballot. Gail Libby made a comment about keeping it at 7 and getting it done. **All** were in favor. Wendy **motioned** to accept Wade and Heath as the Selectboard members for that committee. Dave **second**. **All** were in favor. John read from a draft Request for Proposal for the lot across from the Fire Station to figure out if it is buildable or not. There was discussion of a study being done on that lot and what is needed for our specifications to handle it. The Board decided to hold off on this until next week. John handed out a proposal for a Fire Chief Hiring Committee. Heath **motioned** for this hiring committee for the chief. Wendy **second**. There was discussion between the Board members and the public on involving the employees in the building and other people who can help with this process. Heath **amended** his motion to a nine person committee. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor. Wade **motioned** to approve Heath and Dave to be the members of that committee. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor. There was discussion on the CEO position and doing other things to advertise it. Heath brought up also doing the same thing for the ACO position and there was discussion on what to do about the position and getting a list of other ACO's together.
- There was a brief discussion on job descriptions and amending and updating them.
- Heath brought up the Brick Town Hall issues and there was discussion about getting a list of the things that need to be done.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Michael McLean made a comment about the letter for Burnham and Route 5 and Heath told him that they had voted not to do it.
- Cindy Smith gave a report on what is going on in the Library.
- Joanne Andrews announced that the Transfer Station is on summer hours and will be closing at 5 and John told everyone that if any department heads have any official town announcements that they go to the secretary.
- Bob Richardson told everyone that they have the contract for paving and there was discussion on advertising it and sending it to companies. Bob brought up hazardous trees

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that have been looked at and there was discussion on what to do to get prices. Bob said that he would get prices. Howard Burnham made a comment on this subject.

- Bill Jones asked about other options if someone does not qualify for General Assistance and John told him that if they do not qualify the Board has the ability to on their own help the person. There was a discussion on how GA works and if they get denied because they do not meet the guidelines to have the person who does GA to refer them to the Board. Laura May made a comment about a couple of accounts that can be used for this purpose.
- Laura May brought up the policies for the state fees and payroll.
- Howard Burnham brought up wanting to start something for the local youth.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

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

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

FOR DETAILS OF MEETING
SEE RECORDING
AT SRC-TV.ORG
“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
Under Brick Town Hall
March 15, 2021
By Gail Libby