

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2021

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Cheryl Edgerly, Bernie Carroll, Greg DeVenny, DeeDee Tibbetts, Judy LePage, Steve McLean, Cindy Smith, Craig Allen, Joe Parsons, Ron Smith, Jessica Smith

MINUTES:

- Thorne **motioned** to approve minutes of the June 28, 2021 meeting. Andrews **second**.
 - Motion passed 3-1 (Edgerly abstained).

WARRANT:

- Thorne **motioned** to accept warrants. Andrews **second**.
 - Motion passed 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Andrews read announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Judy LePage, Tax Collector: Gave an update on the excise tax that had been collected, gave the balance due for real estate, and gave an update on the liens and there was discussion on what she had presented. Medici brought up people on the list that they had abated in the past and there was discussion on this.
- Cindy Smith, Library: Told everyone about a grant that they could apply for and gave an update on the internet in the Library. Told everyone about the Library being able to proctor a test for students.
- Joe Parsons, Rec Director: Thorne **motioned** to approve the use of the town credit card to buy the bleachers for the rec department. Medici **second**. Motion passed 4-0. Gave an update on soccer and on looking for an activities director and there was discussion on the stipends for these people. Thorne **motioned** to approve those three people with the stipend through the end of the year of \$333 each. Andrews **second**. Edgerly made a comment about background checks and there was discussion on it. Joe brought up Ron and Jessica Smith wanting to put together a Family Fun Day on July 31st where some of it would be part of parks and rec and other things would not be and there was discussion on figuring out what is and is not a town sanctioned event. DeeDee Tibbetts made a comment about town money needing to go through the Treasurer. Thorne **motioned** to approve dance sessions for four

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weeks, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, and 8/5. Edgerly **second**. Motion passed 4-0. Joe asked about when parks and rec makes money and the money going back into the rec budget instead of going into the general fund and there was discussion on this subject and how the budgeting works and how the donations work. Craig Allen made a comment about the checkbook and there is a discussion on this topic. There was discussion on having the Treasurer come in and explain the budgetary process. Ron Smith made a comment about raising money and donations and there is discussion on how it works within the budgetary process. Cindy Smith made a comment about the fees and donations that the Library receives in and what they can use that money for. Steve McLean made a comment about the budgeting of the rec department and making it so a certain percent of the money that comes into the rec stays with the rec department and there was discussion on this subject.

- Ron Smith told everyone about the whiffle ball game and that he would be in next week to update the Board
- DeeDee Tibbetts, Town Clerk: Read the Certification of Petition notification. Edgerly read from the town recall ordinance about the petition being brought to the Board of Selectmen who should not have any interest in the subject matter. DeeDee told him that she had sent everything over to the lawyer because she was wondering if Selectmen can take recall papers out on other Selectmen and she was told to move forward and Edgerly made comments on the town's insurance company not wanting to touch this. Medici brought up himself and Edgerly having an interest and brought up the other three Board members. Edgerly made a comment about waiting until a decision to continue on with legal recourse and DeeDee made a comment about giving them the paper that she wants them to sign so that she has something to show that she had given it to the Selectmen and that they have seen it. Edgerly brought up that he has an affidavit saying that one of the papers was circulated by someone different then who signed it would make the signatures on that paper null and void. Medici made a comment about the recording that had been posted and the title being Limerick, ME Executive Session on Facebook and there was discussion on this subject. Medici asked about DeeDee's part in verifying signatures and DeeDee told him that she has to make sure that they are registered voters.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Fire Chief Hiring Committee: Bernie Carroll gave an update on what is going on with the selection process and Edgerly made a comment about one of the members talking to a department head about throwing all four of the candidates out and Bernie told him that nothing had been decided.
- Update on Public safety Building Committee: Bernie Carroll gave an update on what is going on with this committee. Edgerly brought up the rose bush that had been cut down when the lot across from the Fire Station was being mowed to show the property lines and there was discussion on this subject. Steve McLean and Bernie Carroll made comments.
- Business park update: Medici told everyone that they deeds for lots 5 and 7 that they will provide and they will be sent to the buyers attorney.

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- Develop committee for conservation easement from article 17: Meeting on July 14th at 6:30PM
- Records vault: Medici brought up that they can put the front back together.
- Potential sale of town owned properties: Medici brought up waiting until they have more time to discuss this.
- Brick Town Hall repairs: There was discussion on the ramp and having the Town Clerk call the Secretary of State's office about it and there was discussion on what to do about it. Craig Allen made a comment on going to the engineers to get money back to get the front steps/ramp of the Brick Town Hall and there was discussion on this subject.
- Discuss letter to send to other towns regarding mutual aid: Medici brought up having approved the letter to be sent out and having the secretary get it ready to be sent out. Edgerly brought up having two requests for help with paying their mutual aid bill.
- Approve and sign statement of values: Still waiting on department heads to get a list to us to be able to send it to the insurance company.
- Code Enforcement Officer Position: The Board discussed setting up an interview with the applicant who had submitted their resume and decided to have it on Monday night at 6:00PM.
- Tree removal rte. intersection: There was discussion on an email they had received from the state and there was discussion on moving forward and getting the trees taken down. There was discussion on having Tripp's Tree Service do it and there was discussion on contacting them.
- Thorne **motioned** to approve usage agreement for Brittney Berry for the Brick Town Hall for 9/18/2021 including BYOB. Edgerly **second**. Motion passed 4-0. Steve McLean made a comment about keeping the liquor where the diagram says it will be.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discuss looking into master electrician for lights out front of Brick Town Hall: Craig Allen told the Board about having someone with a helpers license come and do the electrical work for the lights with a master electrician supervising and there was discussion on this subject.
- Previous Lake Arrowhead Lot auction issue: Medici brought up an auction that had occurred in 2018 and there was someone who was the highest bidder and when our office filed the deed it was in the wrong buyer's name and there was a discussion on how to handle this and about having the wrong buyer sign a release deed. Thorne **motioned** to draft a letter and send it to him, asking him to sign the release deed. Andrews **second**. There was discussion on what happens if the letter does not work or get to the person. Motion passed 4-0. Medici brought up not having the office file deeds and how it is the responsibility of the buyer. Thorne **motioned** to stop filing deeds on behalf of the town through the assessor's office. Andrews **second**.
 - Motion passed 4-0.
- Hollandville project: Medici brought up this process starting with a notice that has to go out.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Steve McLean made a comment on branches being out over the road/sidewalk and there was a discussion on letting the Fire Department to go up and take it down.
- Cheryl Edgerly spoke about the recall and the recording of the Executive Session.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Thorne **motioned** to adjourn. Andrews **second**.
 - Motion passed 4-0.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: July 12, 2021

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

FOR DETAILS OF MEETING
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AT SRC-TV.ORG
“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
Under Brick Town Hall
July 6, 2021
By Gail Libby