

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

John opened the meeting with the flag salute at 7:00PM

SELECT BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES: Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Howard Burnham, Merrill Farrand, Brad Libby, Steve McLean, Cheryl and Donald Edgerly, Vinnie Pelletier, Stan Hackett, Dean and Lisa LePage

MINUTES:

Approve minutes of December 27th meeting: Katie **motioned** to approve the minutes; Gil **seconded**; **all** were in favor.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Ron read the announcements

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Vinnie Pelletier- Fire Chief

Team to oversee the new station will be Chief Pelletier, Assistant Chief Mike McLean, Deputy Chief Rob Fossett, Rick Manson and Bernie Carroll- keeping the project on schedule and watching financing and making sure the level of work is acceptable to the towns people. They met with Great Falls and Colby on the 21st, made some cuts to save some money. They are meeting again the on the 5th. They will also be meeting with the tower and communication companies to figure out the engineering for the antenna that will go on the roof.

Discussed the new Fire Station, the guaranteed max price with Great Falls is \$4,754,955.00. At the first meeting they deleted some items and with the grant money of \$1.8 million the extra savings is \$1,873,000.00, the total cost is just over \$4 million, the amount to be financed will be \$1,864,027.00. They are still looking at a few other items that they maybe able to cut out for savings. The price of steel has also been trending down so there may be a savings there as well.

Subscription Ambulance- If you need an ambulance from another town and you have signed up for the subscription plan and you receive a bill, the money will come out of the subscription ambulance account. You will not pay anything if you subscribe but if you do not subscribe you will pay all costs associated with the ambulance service that your insurance does not pay. The ambulance will still come to your house if do not subscribe, it is not a mandatory plan. The

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deadlines will extend to the end of January. Vinnie would like to have an account set up by the Treasurer specifically for this billing account.

Staffing issue- right now the station has enough coverage to fill all of the shifts but if they were to lose a couple of people it would be a challenge. The staffing concerns are what every company is currently facing. The Workplace Development Grant that the State received last year is administered through the college system and is offering free training in this work field. The goal is to get more EMTs to come into the field.

Vinnie's contract is up in March. The Board will meet with him on Monday, January 9th at 6pm for an executive session.

Stan Hackett- CEO

YTD fees are \$208,613.45, \$95,000 is solar farm fees, 192 permits were granted in 2022, 43 were new homes, 149 were remodels, foundations, additions, decks, garages, etc.

Discussion of the Building Permit Fee Schedule that Stan is proposing for the Warrant, we are not going to get anymore support from the local police or state police, they are not going to handle land use issues, only emergencies. They are more shorthanded than before. The fees will help monitor the businesses that are in Town and give the Town more control to enforce the laws. The state does not do any sharing of the marijuana revenues so there is money left on the table that we are not getting. These fees on this schedule can be changed accordingly or removed if necessary. The goal is to not diminish any business in Town.

John would like to add the Building Permit Fee Schedule and have the people vote on this but have the Business Licensing Ordinance go to the Charter Commission. There is a lot of work and discussion that needs to occur with this ordinance. The Marijuana fees will be added to the Building Permit Fee Schedule but will only be for new businesses that come into Town and not current ones. The Board would like to recreate a Business Directory of Limerick Businesses from the businesses that will register with the Town.

John would like to add the Limerick Street Addressing Ordinance on the Warrant, he is looking for a motion to adopt the Limerick Street Addressing Ordinance and add it to the March 2023 Warrant, a copy will be available with the Town Clerk, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

John looking to add an article to the Warrant, shall the Town require all Businesses located in the Town of Limerick to register their operations with the Code Enforcement Office, Ron **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

John looking for a motion, shall the Town require all residential rental units, accessory dwellings and single dwelling rental units in the Town of Limerick register with the Code Enforcement Office, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Stan also discussed the landfills in Limerick and that 5 have been located, the EPA and some folks are coming from Augusta in the Spring to investigate. They believe that the chemical Chlorinate has been detected. They will test the ground in these areas and if they do find it, the government will clean it up and there will not be any costs to the taxpayers.

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The culvert that is failing on Route 11 has been a huge concern. The culvert needs to be replaced; Stan has been working really hard to get this replaced with the DOT. Stan has been dealing with the State and FEMA. He will also be getting in touch with the Governor. This has been an ongoing concern since the Spring and has only gotten worse. Please call the MDOT 624-3003 to voice your concern.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Building Update- Vinnie talked about this during his department report.

Subscription Ambulance Policy- Vinnie discussed this during his department report but the Board did vote on the subscription discount. John looking for a motion to offer free subscription ambulance program to any past member of the Fire/EMS that served more than 5 consecutive years including family living in the same residence, Ron **motioned**, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Town Gazebo- Ron has taken this under his wing. He has done a lot of research since last week, it was built in 1882, circus performers used to perform at it. They also had some boxing matches. It has been moved from its original location. He is going to approach the Amish community and see if they would be interested in bidding on it. If any townspeople are interested in the bid specs, or have any information on the bandstand, please reach out to Alesha. Alesha will email Howard Burnham the specs that Limerick Steeple Jack provided back a few years ago.

Review of Legal Accounts- One new lawsuit to do with the CIA Salvage Appeal, it has been sent to our town attorney and MMA. They will decide who will do the representation.

FOAA Requests- Nothing new.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update – Wade did hear that all the work has been done, just need to get together with the one abutter and find common ground, Wade will try and reach out to Mike again. This will stay on the agenda.

Update on Business Park Lot Sale- The agreement has been signed and the lot has been paid so Alesha can now take this off the agenda.

Town Charter Review- The owner of Green Xtrax Inc would like to be appointed to the Town Charter Commission; he lives in Parsonsfield. His name is Carl Hagan, Ron **motioned** to appoint Carl Hagan to the Charter Commission, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Electrician Update from Safety Inspection Report- All buildings are done, a bill has been received, light poles will be set up next week. Does the Board want the lights to be dusk to dawn on a mechanical timer or digital timer? The Board recommends dusk to dawn, Alesha will let Brian know.

BTH Repairs- No new update.

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Cemetery Mowing/ Veteran's graves- Nothing new to update. We are still looking to establish this committee. The members who have reached out will be in to meet the Board on February 6th.

Budget Season Items:

The Warrant articles are almost all set. They were sent to the town attorney; she made a few changes. John looking for a motion to approve Warrant Articles 1-26 for the March election, Gil **motioned**, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor. The process has been much easier this year than years past. Hopefully this will become much easier for Boards to come to execute.

Gil mentioned that we have been receiving our Town electricity at 7.7 cents per kilowatt hour which is below the market value. The agreement is in effect until November 9th. We will deal with CMP on this for the next fiscal year.

Windows washed at Municipal Building- Alesha is just waiting on a quote.

Woodsome Wildlife Sanctuary sign update- John would like a motion giving a dollar amount to make the sign that we can give the family. John looking for a motion to spend up to \$500.00 for a Woodsome Wildlife Sanctuary Sign and give the family 30 days of what they would like, if not the Town will add a sign that meets the deed obligation. Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Warrant Articles- Covered earlier in the meeting.

BTH 12/17 Application- The function on 12/17 had two cars that were parked in the no parking zone for a long period of time in the morning, the applicant does sign the application that they will not do this. It is a no parking zone/unloading zone. Katie **motioned** to not return the security deposit from the 12/17 function at the BTH, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor. Alesha will let the person know.

Talk about the correction from Cemetery Bid- Two numbers were transposed but it did not change the total on the contract, the Board will initial at the end of the meeting and Alesha will send copy to contractor for their records.

Town owned Property Letter-2 more letters have gone out. We do have rights of ownership of 71 Sokokis Trail North. There is still an issue with a no snowmobile blockage area at 71 Sokokis in the trail, since we have no snow, we will leave it as is for now but do have permission to remove if needed. Natalie is currently reviewing two more files of town owned properties to make sure we have everything correct. One person has agreed to come in and sign an agreement to start paying their balance. It seems to make sense to auction them all at once.

BTH Accessibility Policy- Re-sign- Alesha added this policy onto the Town letterhead. The Board will re-sign at the end of the meeting.

New Business:

Set up a Town Building Advisory- What would the Town like to do with all of our old Town buildings? Do we sell, offer to certain groups. The Board would like to set up a Building Advisory

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Committee to start discussing these buildings, BTH, Grange, Old Fire Station and Moore Building. The desire for the number of people on the committee is between 5-7. The ultimate number is 5, 1 Board member, 4 townspeople and a Historical Society member. John is looking for a motion to establish a Town Building Advisory Committee of 5 people, nominating Ron from the Board as one of the members to come up with a plan for the Town properties, Gil **motioned**, Katie **seconded**, amend the motion to add Howard Burnham, Steve McLean, Gail Libby and Dean LePage. Gil amended the **motion** to have up to 7 people, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Parking on Main Street- Some concerns about parking on Main Street, from the parking lot up towards Elm Street seems to not be enough room for a third car to park. Do we need to hashtag off the few spots from the corner or add no parking signs? John will speak to the restaurant to use a sign to designate where overflow parking can go. John will meet with Bob, the Road Commissioner about adding some signs about no parking from a certain spot to the corner.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Steve McLean- Parking on Main Street discussion and question about adding a Warrant Article for elected positions to the March ballot.

John looking for a motion to add to the ballot, do you favor the following positions be appointed rather than elected in the future, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Road Commissioner and Tax Clerk, Gil **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Ron mentioned that the ice-skating rink is on hold until we get colder weather.

John mentioned that the Budget Committee and Select Board need to come into the office before Friday end day to sign the warrant articles that are due on Monday, January 9th.

ADJOURN MEETING: Katie **motioned** to adjourn; Ron **seconded**; **all** were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:36PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: Monday, January 9, 2023

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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