

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 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, Absent: Katie Proctor

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:

Joanne Andrews, Vinnie Pelletier, Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Dean LePage, Steve McLean

MINUTES:

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

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Vinnie Pelletier, Fire Chief:

Vinnie spoke about the new brush truck before the warrant was approved. The brush truck was approved in November, they already had \$40,000 in the account and asked the citizens for up to another \$50,000 from the ambulance billing fund which was approved. Vinnie believes he will only need another \$28,000-\$30,000 to get it into service and on the road. The total will be around \$55,000. The other \$35,000 will remain in the account. The one they are purchasing will be assembled with a newer chassis. It is in Massachusetts and a purchase agreement was signed. It is a 2013 Ford 350 Super Duty with 78,000 miles and also has a snowplow. It also has a utility body already on it, a diesel engine and a single rear wheel which is easier in mud and on dirt roads. They will have some additional work to do once it is here. The price of the truck is \$25,900, mechanical is around \$2,500, \$5,000 in lettering, (audio goes out) \$2,000-3000 for emergency lights, \$16,000 skid pump unit, for around \$28,000-\$30,000 extra going into it. He is hoping all this will work and stay accurate for numbers. They have \$90,000 available but should only touch about \$15,000 out of the ambulance revenue account.

Calls for November 2023, 539 calls for the year.

Total Calls 49

Fire 9, EMS 40, Mutual Aid Fire 1, EMS 7

The fire station update: Metal walls installation will be completed by the end of this week. The apparatus floor was partially poured last Thursday, remainder will be completed 12/12. Windows will

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arrive this Wednesday and will be installed immediately to close in the building. Insulation installation will begin next week, and the floor trusses and corrugated metal decking will be completed this week, plywood overlay next week. The interior framing scheduled to begin towards the end of December and the projected completion date is now early May and not April. The HUD funding is still in process and Katie has worked with John Cleveland to get the paperwork started for the release of funds.

Staffing looks good, all December shifts are filled, and he is looking to have double pay for anyone working on Christmas day. It is one of the hardest shifts to fill. He would like the Board to approve outside of the employee manual, Gil looking for a motion to pay double time on Christmas for the per diem people at the fire station, Wade **motioned**, John **seconded**, **all** in favor, **one** abstains.

Vinnie put in for a Forestry Grant of \$6,000.00, 50% match which will be able to provide: 8 Forestry Helmets, 2 Nozzles, 8 Forestry Coats, 1 Mini Pump, 6 Soft Bach Pack Pumps, 600' Forestry Hose and 2 Hose Packs. He will know in December if they received the grant. The protective gear is expected anytime and will be 10 Complete sets of structural firefighting gear. (audio goes out) He is looking to purchase 2 new gas meters and radios will need upgrading. He will look at this for his budget. They have been having some issues with them all working.

Subscription Ambulance Program, 2023 Program had 239 Participants, \$7,975.00 was collected. After some expenses from out-of-Town transport and advertising, there is still money in that account. \$4,500.00 was saved by subscribers by out-of-pocket costs. \$3,500.00 was used for local citizens in transporting and \$1,000.00 Mutual Aid Rescue transports. The 2024 Program has a Deadline to subscribe which is 12/31/2023. Subscribers pay one annual fee \$50 single person, \$75 for household of two adults and \$100 for a family. The only money that is collected from insurance is from Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance and anything that is not covered is paid out of the subscription program. It is unlimited ground transport. Forms are available at the Municipal Building and Fire Station; they will also deliver one to you if needed. Alesha will reach out to the Lake Association presidents to see if they can email their members to make sure they know of the program. Last week Limerick had a fire that a family lost there home. They have coordinated with It Takes a Village, the Fire Station is holding donations, they can take gift cards but no cash. Joanne can set aside furniture at the transfer station if anyone has anything to donate for them once they get permanent housing. They are staying in Limington through winter for free in an in-law apartment. The fire department will be updating their Facebook page, there is also a Go-Fund page to help the family.

Stan Hackett, CEO:

November: 8 permits requested • 6 issued • 2 pending, 4 Ranch, 1 Modular (pending), 1 Solar Array (pending), 1 Garage and 1 Remodel. The total building permit fees collected for November are \$7,549.36. To date he has given out: 155 permits, 8 voided permits and 2 Pending for a total of 165. The total building permit fees collected year to date is \$102,488.66 and total business permit fees collected year to date \$7,550.00, making the YTD total \$110,038.66.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- Nothing new this week.

Fire Building Update- Vinnie did this during his report.

Review of Legal Accounts- There was no new bill this month.

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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- The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 12th at 7PM.

BTH Repairs-We received a quote from Stone Hill Landscaping. John **motioned** to enter into an agreement with Stone Hill Landscaping to rework the front ramp and remove a section of the rear walkway and replace it with a new walkway for a total of \$10,534.50, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

Town-owned Property Letters- Alesha and Katie will be meeting on these letters in the next week.

Vault Concerns/permanent water line- The alarm still goes off periodically. The calls have gotten better, 1% humidity can set the alarm off.

New Business Park Sign- This should be finished soon.

Shelter Survey- Katie will continue to update when she hears from Ray, no new update this week.

Town Sign Update- We are just waiting for the electrical.

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.

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 just needs to be approved by them, Jay Solomon has the Emergency Action Plan for review.

Allaire Drive- Katie is working with the Town lawyers. We are hoping for an update soon. The offer is \$100 a lot and the road will be brought up to Town standards and paved. There will also be a letter of credit or bond. They will also make sure the sewer is connected to the three lots as well as water. Stan is still working on the ownership of the road. The attorney is putting together the purchase and sales agreement. The Board is hoping this will be on the March warrant.

Auction of Lake Arrowhead lots- The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at 1PM.

Proposal from Energy Professionals- We received a quote from Energy Professionals, the Board will review and discuss again next week.

Cameras for Municipal Building- We are waiting for this quote from Minuteman.

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Concern over important Town business if office is closed or a Holiday- Dave Coleman sent a letter back in 2020 about an appeal can be dropped off at the Town office. In their ordinance they can waive the 30-day time limit. The Town clerk's office will not accept any appeals in their office. All appeals should come through the Select Board's office when open and if the 30-day time limit is close then we shall ask the Appeals Board to waive that time limit if necessary.

New Business:

Sign Tax Abatement letter- The Board will sign at the end of the meeting.

Review ad for Shopping Guide- The ad was approved and will be submitted into the Shopping Guide.

Sign letter for sidewalk contractor- The Board will sign at the end of the meeting.

Adult Education Confirmation of Spring class times- The Board confirmed the times and is all set, Alesha will let them know.

Minuteman Proposal- This is a proposal to fix the Overlook camera. We have had this quote since August. The Board does not agree with the quote. John has been dealing with a representative from Minuteman and will continue to.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Steve McLean- making sure old members of the Fire Department receive free membership into the subscription ambulance program.

Gail Libby- The Revitalization Committee met with Dirigo, Community Dynamics and the Limerick Water District for the Deepvale Project. A letter of intent needs to be filed by January 10th to CDBG. The Building Advisory Committee met tonight and will be constructing a report to give to the Board soon.

ADJOURN MEETING: John **motioned** to adjourn; Wade **seconded**; **all** were in favor at 8:06 PM

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Monday, December 11, 2023.

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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