

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSON**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Wade Andrews, John Medici, Katie Proctor, Gil Harris – Absent- Brady Connors**

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:

Gail Libby, Alesha Buzzell, Dean and Lisa LePage, Joanne Andrews, Patrick Bonsant, Vinnie Pelletier, Deb Jeffers, Steve McLean

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes: Wade **motioned** to approve the minutes for April 1<sup>st</sup>. John **seconded; one abstains, all** other in favor. Wade **motioned** to approve the minutes for April 8<sup>th</sup>, John **seconded, all** in favor, Wade **motioned** to approve the minutes for April 11<sup>th</sup>, John **seconded, all** in favor.

WARRANT:

Motion to approve the warrants: Katie **motioned** to approve the warrants, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Wade read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**Patrick Bonsant, SRC-TV:**

Patrick came to discuss some of the issues they have been experiencing on their end which has caused some media concerns and issues on our end. SRCTV started in 2000, he joined in 2007 and four years later they started uploading video to Vimeo. It seemed to give the impression of being more upscaled than YouTube with no commercials, etc. For many years it was the ideal platform for the company. He wanted to first and foremost apologize to the citizens watching on cable and watching on live stream for the disruption of service, it has been frustrating all the way around. Live Stream was separate from Vimeo but now Vimeo has acquired Live Stream, and despite what the sales guy told them in 2023, the transition has not been seamless, and they had made it clear they wanted service to continue as was. Evidentially enough on April 1<sup>st</sup>, they learned what they have provided to them was more of a bait and switch. They aired their grievances and are waiting for them to help resolve. They have made the change to You Tube and are able to still preview on local channels. They also had their server company tell them that they are phasing out all of the servers they purchased from them 3 years ago for \$85,000 and they were told they have to purchase the new one for \$45,000 and pay \$17,000 for tech support. They decided to go with an independent software provider and are still ironing out the details and this process should be

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completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. He did ask when we are ready to re-sign our contract again with Charter Communication. Alesha will find out when the contract is due. He said to make sure the public access community TV media features are in the contract. He said they will try to pass off a generic contract and one of their Board advisors is good at reading contracts and would be willing to do so for the Town. The archives will still be maintained and available. The Board of Directors for SRCTV are responsible for overseeing the finances of the non-profit organizing, they help formulate the budget and oversee the operations. Deedee Tibbetts is the representative for Limerick.

#### **Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station:**

She received an offer for the dumpster she was asking for bids on. The amount was \$400, and he will pay on April 28<sup>th</sup> if the Board accepts. She met with Ray Bishop on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Steve Richardson happened to be there as well. Ray wanted a good estimate for the brush she will be taking in, she estimated 400 tons. She did not include any brush from the roads. In 2002 they had brush removal and they paid \$9100 for 250 tons to be ground and it was a lower price because they took the grindings with them. She thinks this will cause a severe shortage in the budget. She received a call from Bob DeVilleneuve and he cannot hook up the new compacter, the electrician she has used for a long time. She contracted 6 electricians to get some quotes. They are supposed to have to Alesha by next Monday at 12PM. They will be doing their Annual training at the Transfer Station before they open on Wednesday. Brush will be to the end of April for now but may get extended.

#### **Vinnie Pelletier, Fire Chief:**

March Calls- 45 total, Fire was 9 and mutual aid was 3, EMS was 35 and mutual aid was 6, Fire and EMS was 1. The new fire station is coming right along, the flooring is near complete, and they are waiting on the carpet tile. The diesel exhaust system is being installed and the final site work is being completed for finish paving. The exterior lights are being installed and the station lettering is installed. Power has been connected since CMP put up the pole and furnishings have been ordered. The generator has been delayed but temporary connection for the current generator has been added.

One member has completed the Advance EMT program. Staffing has been good; April shifts are filled, and the May schedule is being worked on. The brush truck flatbed arrived at the dealer, hopefully they can get next week. The skid pump and tank are being built and is 4-6 weeks out. The body work for paint is in the process.

He spoke to two of the HUD funding people in a zoom for the grant to work through the process of getting the money into the Town account. He is working diligently on this process to see money as soon as they can. He had quite a few of his questions answered the other day.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- A meeting will be set up soon, Joe Walsh is taking the reins and will run the first meeting.

Fire Building Update- Vinnie updated during his report.

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Review of Legal Accounts- 1.9 hrs. billed for the Planning Board, 15.25 from Jensen and Baird. Steve McLean would like to have copies of the legal bills from Bernstein and Shur for the appeals board to see if there is going to be a cost to CIA.

FOAA Requests- There are a few new ones, they are listed on the Town website.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- No new update.

Town Charter Update- They are meeting on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, there should be an update after that point.

BTH Repairs/inside repairs- The Insurance Company is finishing their paperwork, hopefully will have an update next week.

Town-owned Property Letters- The CEO has been handling all the paperwork at this time. He has gone over and above to finalize some and keep moving all files forward. All files will be reviewed by Town lawyer to follow all laws.

Vault Update- New sensor has been replaced, we will continue to monitor to see if the alarm is still periodically going off. As long as it does not go off, we can take it off the agenda.

New Business Park Sign- This will be going up in the next week or so.

Shelter Survey- No new update from Katie this week.

Re-purposing of the Boat Launch in Lake Arrowhead for the public to access- kayaks, canoes, and fishing only, no boats- Dave Robertson has cleared an area for public to add canoes, paddle boards or kayaks onto the lake but there is not an area for parking yet.

MMA inspections report follow-up for the Emergency Action Plan- This is almost completed; Alesha has gotten all the required items ordered to get the plan into place.

Auction of Lake Arrowhead lots- This has to do with Town owned properties as well and Stan has been working on this area.

Minuteman Proposal for Overlook and Municipal Office cameras, heat detectors- John did not hear back from the local company that added a camera to the lookout. He has now reached out to Cunningham Security to see if they can do it.

Addition to Personnel Policy-for EPL Time- Alesha will work with Julie, the Treasurer, and draft a revision that the Board can review. It will be for all employees and not just per diem employees.

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Review Fund Balance Policy- make changes or additions- John made a **motion** to accept the Fund Balance Policy as presented on 4/22/24, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. This will now come off the agenda.

Squad Truck Bid Update- ON HOLD

Building Advisory Committee- Poison Ivy Control at Grange Hall- Dean LePage is looking into this for us, but he needs a license to spray it. John asked if he would be interested into looking at what the cost and time is to get certified and if he would be interested. Dean is looking into it and will update soon.

Modem Wavs Agreement- The Board approved to go from 20 hrs. to 40 hrs. John also asked if Chris could look into getting us another email system. Everyone seems to have some issues with the current program that we have. Gail will check with Chris and see what information he needs to quote us for Microsoft Exchange. He also wanted to know about getting rid of the 5 Selectboard cell phones. This will be another discussion. Not everyone agreed tonight that they wanted to get rid of them.

BTH Third Floor Water- Alesha is just waiting on the plumber she contacted to come and take a look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and having water added to just third floor but keep off on the second floor.

#### **New Business:**

BTH Application-Wade **motioned** to accept BTH application for Mike Holbrook, John **seconded, all** in favor.

BTH Application- Wade **motioned** to accept BTH use for Chelsea Mincher, John **seconded, all** in favor.

Discussion of flowers for Memorial Day- The American Legion is going to clean up Tibbetts Park and wanted to know if they could do the flowers for Memorial Day there, John **motioned** to authorize American Legion to contact Cross Flowers and spend up to \$250 for flowers at Memorial Day, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will contact Mike Ward and let him know the American Legion is all set.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Steve McLean-Update if the Town has contacted any outside help for hanging limbs. Alesha will reach out to Scott, the Road Commissioner if he needs any extra help. Alesha will also ask Scott to ask Carroll Materials to be on early list for paving.

Dean LePage- Bandstand update and when it may be opened for public use. Community Garden clean-up, Alesha will check with the custodian to see if he can accomplish. He also wanted to know if the Town has any impending lawsuits still, the Town does have a few but they do not have much merit behind them currently.

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John also mentioned that Stan gave out 16 tickets on Park Street earlier in the night because they were parked on the right side of the road where it is all marked with no parking signs. This is a safety issue for fire and rescue if they would need to get through for an emergency. Each ticket cost is \$50.00.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Wade **motioned** to adjourn; John **seconded**; **all** were in favor at 8:15PM  
These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on:

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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