

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

Katie opened the meeting with the Public Hearing for the Peppermill Restaurant Liquor License at 7:00PM, Vinnie commented and asked that he wanted to make sure that the Entertainment License is also being maintained per the Fire Marshalls office and that it is a part of the permit. Katie looking for a motion to move forward with the Liquor License for the Peppermill Restaurant and to maintain the Entertainment License as well in the permit, Gil motioned, Brady seconded, all in favor. The hearing ended at 7:07PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

Katie called the meeting to order at 7:08PM with the Flag Salute

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Medici, Katie Proctor, Wade Andrews, Gil Harris, Brady Connors

ATTENDEES: Gail Libby, Alesha Buzzell, Cheryl Edgerly, Shawn Girard, Susan Lazarous, Joanne Andrews, Neal Meltzer, Vinnie Pelletier, Merrill Farrand, Steve McLean

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes: Minutes will be approved next week; the Board needed more time.

WARRANT:

Motion to accept warrants: Brady **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Wade read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Kristin Perkins, Animal Control Officer:

Barking Dogs-2

Animal Trespass- 9 Same call

Loose Horse-3

Animals to shelter-2

Check welfare of animal-2

Stray dog-2

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Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station:

She completed her 2022 Annual Solid Waste DEP Report, 15 pages. She also provided the 2021-2022 Bi-Annual Recycle Report for the Board to look at. Last year the Transfer Station generated and handled 2363 hundred tons of solid municipal waste. Income so far has brought in 73% of the projected revenues, \$41,106.53 and \$910 in bottles. 20.95 tons of light iron at \$130 a straight ton, check should be \$2723.50, this is the second load of metal sold this year. Tipping fees have gone up from \$79.88 to \$81.44, OBW has gone from \$102.85 to \$105.45 and single sort has gone from \$106.25 to \$108.73, around 2.5% increase. Demo has also gone up to \$115 ton. She has also provided some pictures of the metal area, at least every two years they dig it out and replace it with two feet of soil to maintain good, clean soil under it. This was done last week. The big barn is doing very well. One of the pictures she provided is the old burn pit area that is now for white goods. The last one is the lower level of the dumpsters and the whole area has been cleaned up and is ready for inspection on the 22nd.

Vinnie Pelletier, Fire Chief:

July department report: 46 service calls, making the calls for 2023 to 373 calls. 6 fire, 36 EMS, and 4 both Fire and EMS, mutual aid was 12, numbers are on track as last years.

Fire station update, the excavation for the footings is complete, the foundation crew has been working on forms for the footings and then walls. This is good progress. Once the foundation is in, they will back fill and the base coat of paving around the building will be done so they have a good solid surface to work around. Erection of the building should be around mid-September, he spoke to John Cleveland about the HUD funding, he is still working through the process. Vinnie submitted the narrative which was the first step in his process. He is working on the budget now that he has the updated construction schedule, and he is hoping to submit it next week. Hopefully by September 1st, all documentation can be submitted, and we can start seeing some grant money.

Professional development of the members, 2 members finished all of their EMT testing, one member has obtained his license, congrats Brady Connors, and the other one is awaiting his license. Within the department they did 368 hours of training which is an impressive number of hours. They are well above the required amount of training for the ISO rating so that is great. Staffing is good, Pete is working on September schedule. They have taken on 2 new call members for the department, Jewel Allen and Tyler Lacourse. The equipment purchase Vinnie made have come in and is in the ambulance and ready to be used, the video laryngoscope. The turn-out gear has all be ordered and the 10 members have been fitted, should be here early November. The brush truck committee agrees that they have not had good luck finding a quality truck for the money involved. They are looking to purchase a new vehicle and put it together. This involves more funding. He would like to see a ballot question; he sent out proposals to get some pricing so they know that what they are asking for in funds will accomplish what they need. They feel this is the best approach for the long-term investment. They would like to take \$50,000 out of Rescue Billing Account from past revenue which continues to grow each year. They only deposited \$53,000 into that account because they gave \$125,000 to the new fire station account. The department gets a little busier each year. Billing continues to go each year as well. They did start to negotiate an Anthem contract last year, which went into effect around 4-6 months. This should be a substantial increase in our revenue. The next big purchase will be a tanker between now and

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2030. He is comfortable that this account will provide the best equipment that they need for their services. They try to get 10-12 years with each ambulance, they should be buying one around every 6 years. The chart is his best guess for estimates. John asked how many times the brush truck would get used a year. Vinnie said it certainly depends on the calls and weather. They have \$40,000 available now in the Capital Project Account towards this purchase as well. Katie would look for a motion to add onto the November Ballot, to take \$50,000 from the Rescue Billing Account to a Forestry Account, Gil **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **4** in favor, **1** abstain. There will be a note that says the account already has \$40,000 in it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- Alesha has reached out to another member to see if they would be interested in taking control of the committee and head the next meeting. Alesha will continue to update when more information is available.

Fire Building Update- Vinnie made during his department report.

Bandstand update to repair- Limerick Steeplejacks has installed the handrail and the temporary paving transition has been accomplished. The height of the railing was also changed, CEO has inspected and passed, the Bandstand is now open to the public. Neal did a great job coordinating everyone for this project. The original contract was \$35,800, at the beginning of the project there was \$23,000 of taxpayer money available. Additional structure work and expenses arose, and business and individuals stepped up, over 60 of them. LMC Light Iron donated railings, Nick Storer donated excavation work, Carroll Materials donated concrete and aggregate, and Greg Sanborn kept doing more items that were not a part of his contract. He wanted the project to have integrity. The ADA work has made it accessible to everyone, the ramp cost \$11,500, \$7,500 was donated. \$32,797 was donated funds. Taxpayer money was 46% of the project and 54% was private donations, overall, he feels that we now have something for citizens and generations to come to enjoy.

Review of Legal Accounts- Last bill was around \$3300-\$3400.

FOAA Requests- Nothing new to update.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update – Mike is working on the map and description and will let Wade know as soon as it is completed. He would like to set up a meeting with the Select Board to clarify how they want to get everything finalized; Wade will continue to update. This project was started in 2016 and then re-opened back last year.

Town Charter Update- They continue to meet regularly, and their next meeting is the 24th at 7PM.

BTH Repairs- John is hoping for a price for some quotes by the end of the week. Wade said there are no covers on the light poles at the BTH. Alesha will follow up with the electrician and ask about the light that is staying on 24/7 out back.

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Woodsome Wildlife Sanctuary sign update- Wade believes it is all done and put up, but he will double check.

Town owned Property Letters- Alesha will photocopy all the files that we have and send to the Town Attorney for review.

Hollandville Project- They started paving last week, Maple and Wescott and are starting work on Prospect. Since 7/31, they have finished moving the water to the homes, prior to that they tested the water, and the levels of bacteria and e-coli were fine and have been posted. Some levels are higher in iron, and magnesium and the water district are addressing this issue. The temporary lines have all been removed. The base coat is complete on the upper end of Maple as well as the rest of Maple and Wescott.

Vault Concerns-They have all the parts and were supposed to come out already, but they prefer to come out when low humidity starts happening instead of having to come out twice. This will happen closer to winter.

Need (2) Budget Committee Members for 3-year term- Please reach out to Alesha if interested, we have an interested party, James Kent. Gil **motioned** to appoint James Kent to the Budget Committee, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor. Alesha will reach out to James. Now we only need one member left.

Need Board of Appeals Members-we still need two members for this Board, if interested please reach out to Alesha, John **motioned** we appoint James Kent to the Appeals Board pending his acceptance, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor. If he accepts, we will not need anymore members.

Payroll Update- Alesha received the proposal back from Municipal Resources which provides payroll for Harris Trio. John asked that I reach back out and see if the pricing will stay the same for next year and we will add this to the budget season.

New Business Park Sign- It is currently being made.

Ballot Questions for November:

Pickerel Pond Deed Update

Knox Boxes

Ordinance for Pesticides- revoke

Change of Municipal Election date if need be

Exclude emergency personnel from the ordinance on non-officers.

Dog Road, open for winter maintenance.

Secret Ballot for March Town meeting

We will add Vinnie's new question about \$50,000 for the new Brush Truck from the Rescue Billing Account.

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Laptops for Gail and Vinnie- We are just waiting to hear from Modem Wavs on when they will come in.

Shelter Survey- Alesha will reach out to Ray and set up a time for him and Katie to meet to fill out the form together.

Follow up on CIA Permit Restrictions-Last week the Board wanted to check with the Town attorney to get more information on the fine that was involved with the citation and the length of time for an appeal and who they appeal to. The information Katie received, we cannot impose the fine, this has to be done in a court. The appeal for the citation would have to go to the ZBA and the standard time frame for the appeal is 30-days. The attorney said the paperwork was done correctly but we could not impose the fine. The Board asked in his permit that the testing be available to the Code office as soon as he receives them. The fact that they did not receive them because he did not have the testing done, does not provide any results. Shawn said the citation is made out to CIA Waste and it says he only had three days to turn it into Stan which should be 30-days. John asked about his Storm Water Prevention Plan which Shawn said is up to date for CIA Salvage. John asked if it was up to date when he received the citation and Shawn said he believed it was and that everything was up to date. John asked about the violation number 3 which no vehicles are to be stored in the aquifer table, Shawn said that if he doesn't correct the violation then they would have to pull the cars out of the lower end of the yard. He said the citation is made out to CIA Waste and not CIA Salvage. He feels like he now has to spend \$250 because Stan did not do his job on the paperwork, so he will spend the \$250 to fight it. He said he has no problem fighting it because it is not made out to the right company, he did not get thirty days to appeal the decision, he thinks it is a waste of everyone's time. John is not sure that the Board has the authority over Stan to even throw out the violation. He is regulated by the state. The Board thinks they can give their opinion to Stan but cannot throw it out. Shawn is happy to give the Board the check for \$250 tonight and get to the appeals board. Stan has the right to rescind the violation if he chooses. Katie said that she thinks even on principal even without a warning, the Conditional Use Permit has the requirements from the Town that are expected. Merrill Farrand asked the Board if they trust their CEO. The Board believes Stan has met all certifications as does he. He could not find any documentation that the Board can overturn Stan's decisions in his research. He believes all the issues in the citation are real. He said the Board should have held a Public Hearing when Shawn violated his conditions on his permit, John said that the Board may hold a Public Hearing but did not have to. He said the Board provides the rules as well as the Town ordinances which are black and white. Joanne spoke and said the Appeals Board should take the appeal tonight with them, Steve McLean. Steve spoke and said that Alesha gets it and time, date, and stamps it and then she would notify Steve. She will stamp it tonight and give Steve the paperwork and give Laura the check. Shawn said they have a Planning Board meeting on Wednesday night and have an executive session with the attorney. Shawn said the topic is about renewal and what is it classified as. John said if they are meeting with their attorney in executive session then no one should know what it is about.

Town Sign Update- Alesha is meeting with Chris St. Saviour next week to meet up about cutting some signs.

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New Business:

Approve mill rate- Last year was \$14.20, this year is \$15.20. John **motioned** to set the mill rate for 2023 at \$15.20, Brady **seconded, all** in favor.

Sign application for Rustic Taps and Catering- John **motioned** to approve Rustic Taps and Catering for all of their requested dates for the functions at Libby & Sons U Pick, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

Sign Quit Claim Deed- This is for Map 42, lot 86 for Taylor Hudson, John **motioned** to sign the Quit Claim deed for Map 42, lot 86 for Taylor Hudson, Brady **seconded, all** in favor.

Sign Land Contract- The Board would like more information on this contract at this time but does not want to sell at this time. It is a waterfront property, so they do not want to sell for \$400. The boat launch there is also closed in that area near this lot that the Town owns. The Board will add to the agenda for the possibility of re-opening it down the road for use of canoes, kayaking and fishing.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Cheryl Edgerly- The concern over the secretary resigning at the Water District, FOAA seem to be slower since more money was allotted.

Gail Libby- How much of an expense caused the \$1.00 in the mill rate to increase?

Steve McLean- Email update that he sent Katie back 3-4 weeks ago, Brush Truck.

ADJOURN MEETING: John **motioned** to adjourn; Wade seconded; **all** were in favor at 9:33PM

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Tuesday, September 5th
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Respectfully submitted,

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