

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON
Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2022

Public Hearing for Town Hill Grille, LLC- 7:35pm to 7:40pm

CALL TO ORDER:

John opened the meeting with the flag salute at 7:50PM

SELECT BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES: Derek Welsh, Joanne Andrews, Bill Jones, Jim Carroll, Scott Davis, Dean LePage, Lisa LePage, Cheryl Edgerly, Dottie Richard, Stan Hackett, Steve McLean, Janet Baltas, Ted Baltas

MINUTES:

Approve minutes of August 15th meeting: Ron **motioned** to approve the minutes; Wade **seconded**; **all** were in favor.

WARRANT:

Motion to accept warrants: Gil **motioned** to accept the warrants; Wade **seconded**; **all** were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Ron read the announcements

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Stan Hackett, CEO-

*Month to date Revenues: August \$14, 872.27, Year to Date \$158,418.69.

*Cottage Road Gazebo Violation: The gentleman decided to remove the structure himself without going to court.

*Ballpark update: Progress has been made on the track, lots of improvements have been made around the park, all for the good.

*Fire Lane Concern: Going down Cottage Road there are three areas that access the water and in case of an emergency these areas have been marked for Fire vehicles to access quicker.

*911 System: There have been enhances to this system that will help 911 personnel find locations. 911 numbers will be added this week to the Brick Town Hall, Grange Building and Moore Building. John asked that Stan make sure to add numbers to the Fire Station as well. Please make sure that numbers on your house are contrasting to the color of your house.

*Swimming areas- the buoys have been put back into swim areas. Next year we will make sure the areas have the correct regulatory waterway markers.

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Steve McLean, Budget Committee-

*The budget committee will be meeting this Thursday, September 1st at 7pm. They are requesting that at least one member of the Select Board be present. The meeting will be at the Municipal Building.

Old Business:

IF TIME PERMITS

New Business:

Warrant Articles for November:

Fire Station: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts to construct, furnish, and supply a new Fire/EMS building for a sum not to exceed \$4,979,995.00 to be funded to be follows:

Using the balance in the Fire Station Capital Reserve Account

Transferring \$500,000.00 from the Undesignated Account

Transferring \$30,000.00 from the Franchise Fee Capital Equipment Account

Transferring \$100,000.00 from the Rescue Billing Fund

Transferring \$75,000.00 from the 2022 Code Enforcement Office Fees

Using all grants or donations designated for the sole purpose of constructing a Fire/EMS facility

The balance to be financed over 20 years with terms to be determined acceptable by the Select Board.

Two scenarios- we may get \$1.8 million congressional spending. If Congress votes this through, then we get it and if they do not vote in then we get anywhere from 0 to \$1.8 million. If we do get the full amount, the average house value of a home in Limerick is around \$225,000 so they would see a yearly increase around \$86. 64. If we do not get any funds from Congress then the average tax increase would be \$164.25 to the average home value of \$225,000. This would be a yearly cost, not monthly.

John looking for a motion to put article on ballot, Katie **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor. Gil **motioned** to recommend the Select Board have a yes vote on this article, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Rescue Billing Fund: Shall the town transfer \$25,000.00 from the Rescue Billing Fund to put towards the Fire/EMS Building loan payment.

Katie **motioned**; Ron **seconded**. Gil asked if there was a time frame that coincided with the note. Gil made the **motion** to amend the article to add "for the life of the loan," Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor and **all** in favor of adding to the ballot. John looking for a motion for the Board to recommend a yes vote on the ballot question, Gil **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

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Secret Ballot: Shall the Town vote by Secret Ballot on all warrant articles and elected positions for the March 2023 annual election.

John looking for a motion to add, shall the Town vote by Secret Ballot on all warrant articles and elected positions for the March 2023 annual election. Ron **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, four in favor, one opposed.

Fire Department Key Lock Box Ordinance: Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Limerick Fire and Emergency Key Lock Box Ordinance" be enacted?

This is a new ordinance, it was sent to the attorney for review, and there were changes made from the Fire Chief's original draft. We will use the attorney's changes for the ballot.

John looking for a motion to put on the November 8th ballot the Key Lock Box Ordinance, Ron **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, all in favor.

Limerick Fire Department Ordinance: Shall an ordinance entitled "2022 Amendments to the Limerick Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Ordinance" be enacted?

John would like a motion to approve the 2022 Amendments to the Limerick Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Ordinance pending the review of the Chief from the lawyer's changes. Ron **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, all in favor.

Subscription Ambulance Program: MMA reviewed this article back in June for advice and said that it should be voted on by the townspeople since money was involved. The towns lawyer says it could be accomplished through a policy instead of an ordinance.

Shall the Town vote to approve the Limerick Fire-Rescue Department to implement a voluntary Subscription Ambulance Program. Subscription rates will be set by the Fire Chief and approved by the Board of Select Persons. The Subscription Ambulance Program will renew annually on January 1st. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

John looking for a motion to place the ordinance on the November 8th warrant, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**. Discussion since two lawyers have told us that we can set this up as a policy, the Board decided this avenue. Wade and Ron both withdrew their motions, and this will be set up as a policy instead and not go on the warrant. Vinnie will work on a draft and bring to the Board for approval in the next few weeks.

Disbursement Warrant Ordinance: The purpose of this ordinance is to enable the effective functioning of town government by authorizing the release of payment by the Town Treasurer under the circumstances described herein.

John looking for a motion to place the Disbursement Warrant Ordinance on the November 8th ballot, Gil **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, all in favor.

Traffic/Parking Ordinance: The lawyer responded back from review of this Ordinance with the following statement, this is an ordinance that the Select Board has the exclusive authority to enact under 30-A M.R.S. 3009, so it does not need to go to the Town Meeting. Also, much of the ordinance is already covered by statutory provisions. We can also provide additional comment on the wording. So, this means we do not need this to be an ordinance and will not be on the November ballot.

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Licensing Ordinance: The attorney is still reviewing this ordinance.

John looking for a motion to place the Licensing Ordinance on the November 8th ballot pending the wording to be the attorney's review, Ron **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Setting the tax rate for 2022: John stated that there is one number on the form that the town has some control over and one number that we have to do the best estimated guess at. One is Revenue Sharing and is difficult to predict because our budget does not match up with the state. The number fluctuates depending on how well the state is doing, things are up we get more, things are down we get less.

We have a minimum and maximum tax rate that we can not change, the three choices this year are \$14.10, \$14.20 and \$14.30. John recommends setting tax rate at \$14.20, Ron **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Approve Quit Claim Deed, Map 42, Lots 88 and 89- John looking for a motion to sign Quit Claim Deed, Map 42, Lots 88 and 89, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Approve and sign Contract and Quit Claim Deed for Map 42, Lot 293, John looking for motion. Gil **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Sign Deed for Map 42 Lot 219, John look for a motion to sign, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

DAR Letter- Daughter's of the American Revolution- John would look for a motion to post the DAR letter in the Municipal Building, Wade **motioned**, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

TRIO Server Migration- Quote for \$550 for server migration, John looking for a motion to approve, Gil **motioned**, Ron **seconded**. Gail discussed needing more money for this migration, so John asked that Gail and Alesha get more information before the Board votes. Gail and Alesha will continue to update next week.

Purchase Order: Purchase two water resistant laptops for the Fire/EMS, Board approved earlier, just need to sign purchase order. Each laptop is \$169 each. John looking for a motion to approve the Treasurer to purchase two rugged pro connect laptops using the town credit card, Wade **motioned**, Ron **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Purchase new Hot Heater: Gil **motioned** to purchase a new hot water heater for the amount of \$1200.00, Wade **seconded**. There was discussion if we should upgrade to heat pump water heater. They cost \$1500 but have a \$800 rebate from the state. John would like a motion to spend up to \$2000.00 for material and labor only for a new heater pending discussion with Mike Hogan, Ron **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor. Gil resends him initial motion.

Electrician Quote Update: Quote to install the lights at the BTH is \$4900.00. We have to advertise for bids because of the amount of quote. John looking for a motion to put out a bid to install lights at BTH, Ron **motioned**, Wade **motioned**, **all** in favor. Lights are donated.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS:
Steve McLean

ADJOURN MEETING: Katie **motioned** to adjourn; Ron **seconded**; **all** were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: Tuesday, September 6th

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Alesha Buzzell

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“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
Under Limerick Municipal Bldg.
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