BOARD OF SELECTPERSON
Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Gil Harris, Wade Andrews, John Medici, Brady Connors. Absent: Katie Proctor

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:
Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Joanne Andrews, Neal Meltzer, Vinnie Pelletier, Linda Friedrich, two other citizens, Deb Jeffers, Steve McLean

MINUTES:
Motion to approve the July 1st minutes, Brady **motioned,** Wade **seconded, all** in favor.
Motion to approve the July 15th minutes, Brady **motioned,** Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

WARRANT:

Motion to approve the warrants, payroll only: Wade **motioned** to approve the warrants, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Neal Meltzer, Water/Sewer District:
There was a comment about the Water/Sewer bills a few meetings ago, there was a misprint on the bills and how the quantity of water would be measured. He said gallons but should be calculated cubic feet. They are sorry for the confusion it may have caused. He updated on the Deepvale project as well which has been approved for a $1.6 million congressional federal grant. They are working hard on moving this project forward and assessing all avenues.

Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station:
She received the compacter bill which includes the custom-made compacter, the bill is for $24,500 which is $6900 less than last year's quote. The electrician should be coming any day and then they will come and set up the new compacter. She also supplied a quote from Old Hickory Buildings in Cornish for the attendant building, she went with this company because they were able to make the accommodations that they needed. The building is 8*12 in size. They require a $400 deposit and then they will construct.
They will be taking in storm related brush for three more days for free as promised to citizens. The free days will be Wednesday, August 7th, Saturday August 10th and Sunday, August 11th. This will be advertised in the Shopping Guide and on the Town website and Facebook page. She received a tentative cost for grinding which was $16,970, this will be turned over to Ray to FEMA for hopefully a 100% rebate.

Vinnie Pelletier, Fire Chief:

58 calls for June so far, 3 were fire, 51 for EMS and 4 for Fire/EMS. The total number of calls for the year so far is 374. They are working on the punch list for the new fire station still. They are adding some more signage for easier visibility into the new building, they are adding some timers for the lights and hallways to time them down a bit. They will be doing the plantings once the weather cools down a bit. They are planning an open house in October for citizens who work during the week so they can stop by to see the new building. They did have an incident with one of the new garage doors. The door sensors are down low on the doors, the driver of a fire truck closed the door before clearing truck and the sensor did not recognize so the door hit the back of the fire truck. They are in the process of replacing and the parts are in order. They are looking to add sensors that are higher, the cost is $4000 but MMA does have a grant available that he will investigate. They have a member going to the Basic Fire School in September, he just recently just joined the department. He has received two new members, which is great, Cole Costello and Cole Pennington.

The Brush Truck is still at Precision Collison, the red paint is all on the truck, they are preparing to do the black, so it matches the paint scheme. The flatbed has been painted; they did an undercoating in a rubberized material like they do on truck beds. Then it will go to Mass where the skid pump tank pump assembly is waiting to go on and compartments. The engine two was given a pump test and they realized that the pressure governor was not working correctly, it was replaced which cost around $4000. Ambulance two has been given them some issues too which had a diesel filter replaced, they worked on the turbo but came back and showed a check engine light with a DEF error code so it is back at Arundel Ford and hopefully can be fixed soon. This is the oldest ambulance, and they will start the conversation about replacing it, there is a two year wait period on getting a new one.

The HUD funding is moving along, they are nearing the final steps but have had a few more steps thrown at them, he is waiting for the Treasurer role assignment as a voucher approver. He emailed HUD on June 12th, but it has not been accomplished yet. He is staying on it the best he can.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fuel Bids Due- OPEN- The only bid that came back was from JP Carroll Fuel Company, fixed price for #2 heating oil $3.399, K1 $3.899, propane for GA $1.99, GA deliveries after hours $100, service charge is $95 per hour and $150 per hour on weekends. Wade **motioned** to accept the fuel bid from JP Carroll Fuel Company for the 2024-2025 heating season, Brady **seconded, all** in favor, **one** abstains.

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- There is no new update.

Review of Legal Accounts- The Board only has payroll warrants tonight to view, there are no accounts payable.

FOAA Requests- They are listed on the Town website, and there are a few new ones.

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Town Charter Update- There is a public hearing scheduled for August 1st at 7PM at the Municipal Building.

BTH Repairs/inside repairs- Discussion to move the current equipment from the BTH to the Municipal Building. The CEO sent an email and thought it would be around $5000 to move it. Alesha will connect with Connectivity Point to get an accurate quote to see about moving the equipment.

Town-owned Property Letters- There is no new update this week.

New Business Park Sign- The new sign is ready to be picked up. John will try to go pick it up and have it installed.

Shelter Survey- There is no new update this week.

Re-purposing of the Boat Launch in Lake Arrowhead for the public to access- kayaks, canoes, and fishing only, no boats-The road commissioner has the new signs and will add them, this will now come off the agenda.

Minuteman Proposal for Overlook and Municipal Office cameras, heat detectors-Nothing new, but there is another company looking to give the Town a quote.

Squad Truck Bid Update- ON HOLD

Follow up on Otis One Quote- Alesha is still waiting to hear from OTIS on the Board questions.

Microsoft Email- Gail and Alesha will meet with Modem Wavs on August 10th at 10am. The Board will allow Gail and Alesha to move forward with this if they can negotiate with Modem Wavs to lower the cost and if all the questions are answered and discuss some technical issues that may occur.

Purchase and Sales Agreement for Allaire Drive- There was a meeting for a timeline process this morning with the purchaser, contractor for the road and CEO. The Town is still waiting for the letter of credit. The process is moving forward.

TRIO Update-Harris is working with our Town Treasurer on the updating.

Sign Purchase Policy with changes- The Board will sign these at the end of the meeting, the one from last week was misplaced.

New Business:

Discussion of November Ballot Questions, set a Public Hearing- The Board will start working on these items if they have anything else they would like to add. The Charter will definitely be added

on. Alesha will check in with department heads to see if there is anything that they would like to see added.

Sign and vote on Tax Anticipation Notice-Wade **motioned** to accept the Tax Anticipation Borrowing, Brady **seconded,** all in favor. The Board will sign at the end of the night.

Discussion of three lots for Town to sell- The CEO sent an email to the Board that there are three lots that the Board can move forward with and sell. John **motioned** to move forward with selling the parcels on Dog Road and 12 Range E Road and direct the CEO to move forward with this process as the Assessing Liaison, Brady **seconded, all** in favor.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Linda Freidrich- Concern over the proposed tax revaluations that just recently happened in Limerick. She lives on Leisure Lane; she is concerned that her tax will be 30% more and they have only been there for 5 years. She said her neighbors' taxes will be going up 100%. They met with the O'Donnell team, and she said they could not provide any comps that they got their numbers from. This is their second home. She would like to see the comparisons and how the evaluations have been done. She would like to have another meeting with O'Donnell's before the tax notices go out to the citizens or postpone the re-eval for a year. (There are two other citizens in the audience who discuss this concern but do not state their name or signed in)

Steve McLean- Take the buoys out at the Swim Area by the Dough Boy, the Board agreed to have the state pull the permit. Alesha will check with the CEO. Concerning that in the new Charter that no Select Board member can not have any other compensated positions, he does not agree with it and the citizens have voted on this twice. He believes that they should be able to be on the Fire/EMS. Brush truck concern that an email he got was not a priority, he feels it is a huge priority as is any piece of equipment. He had a truck donated to him, he will donate to the Town, he gave the Board a picture of the truck.

ADJOURN MEETING: Brady **motioned** to adjourn; Wade **seconded**; **all** were in favor at 9:12PM
These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Monday, August 12, 2024

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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