

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

January 2,2024

Executive Session- 6PM- 6:20PM 1 MRSA € 405 (6) (A)

CALL TO ORDER:

Katie 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, Katie Proctor

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:

Alesha Buzzell, Steve McLean, Janet Robinson, Lori Harmon, Cindy Mullis, Stephanie Bishop, Gail Libby

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes: Gil **motioned**, Brady **seconded**, **all** in favor, **one** abstained.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Budget Committee- Finish warrant with Select Board

Katie read through each question on the warrant to see if there were any changes or additions.

Article 2- take out the extra (s) on the end of a few of the open positions.

Articles 3,4,5 had no changes.

Article 6 had a change to "letter" C by changing the 36 MRSA to 942-943 from 36 MRSA 943. Also, "letter" F by adding a state statue, John will look to see which one it should be, and Alesha will add before the warrant is final. There is a change to "letter" J by changing the word meeting to vote.

A change was made to "letter" N by adding the 36 MRSA 942-943. We also added a new housekeeping article, O, which states to have the Select Board annually review with the town's assessing firm, the Maine Revenue Services' Certification of full equalized value of all real and personal property which is subject to taxation under the laws of Maine for the town and adjust assessment values to ensure maximum exemption status through the state of Maine.

The Board also decided to add that all sales must be conducted and adhering to 36 MRSA 942-943 to "letter" K.

Article 7 had a change by adding Unassigned Fund to the lines and adding \$0 and taking out the Payroll Processing.

Article 8 was taken off all together.

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Article 9 was changed by taking Debt Services back out. It was the amount of \$125,000 and the Board changed to \$100,000 because \$25,000 will come from Ambulance Subscription Account each year. Debt Services will become its own article. So, article 9's new amount will be \$911,224.00 and will be fixed on the green sheet as well.

Article 14 will become the new article for Debt Services.

Article 17, John recommended taking the money from the Business Park Account instead, but there is confusion about how much money is left in the account. So, the article will stay as worded for now unless the amount is verified.

Article 20 will have added to the end of it, "to be used as funds to obtain matching grants."

Article 22 was removed and added as 'O' in the housekeeping articles.

Article 24 will be worded differently when the Board checks if the Capital Project Reserve Account has \$93,000 in it. If it is \$93,000, the whole \$80,000 will come from this account for the transfer station compactor.

Stephanie spoke on the Public Access TV Article, the amount for SRCTV is going up to \$20,775 from the \$18,500 we had. Katie will update this template and it will be adjusted on the warrant and green sheet.

Gil **motioned** to accept the warrant for the Town meeting with changes made in the discussion and to recommend a yes vote on all articles, Brady **seconded, all** in favor.

Steve asked the Board if they had chosen not to do any of the other charity articles. The Board decided to keep more of those funds locally. The Historical Society request was also not going to be added. He also wanted to know if there was going to be an article on the Fire Chief from 2022 when the Chief was hired, it had said only for 6 months so he feels there should be one to clean it up. The Board could not find the article he was referencing from 2022 and is not sure there even needs to be an article on this.

The Budget Committee is planning a meeting on Thursday at 6:30PM, the Board plans to go to this meeting. The Warrant will be completed Thursday night with signatures.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- Alesha will reach out to Joe soon about setting up a meeting for this Spring.

Fire Building Update- Progress is continuing nicely.

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

FOAA Requests- There have been a couple of new requests, and they continue to be posted online.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- Nothing new at this time.

Town Charter Update- The Charter will meet on January 11 at 7PM.

BTH Repairs- The ramp is completed, and all pictures will be submitted to the DOJ. Katie is going to ask Laura if there are funds in the general government account left even though the one line for

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the Brick Town Hall has been over extended. We would like the payment to Nick Storer to come from the 2023 budget and not the 2024. The inside is still a work in progress. Alesha will reach out to a new plumber about renovating the upstairs bathroom from the damage that occurred from the overflowing toilet.

Town-owned Property Letters- The Cure letter will be sent to one of the citizens next week by a Sheriff, John will drop it off at the Court house for the Town. The others are currently being held onto for now per the Town Attorney.

Vault Concerns/permanent water line- Nothing new for now, the alarm is still going off periodically.

New Business Park Sign- The holes still need to be dug for the posts.

Shelter Survey- Katie has not gotten any updates from Ray yet.

Town Sign Update-We are waiting on the electrician.

Re-purposing of the Boat Launch in Lake Arrowhead for the public to access- kayaks, canoes, and fishing only, no boats- Nothing new to update.

MMA inspections report follow-up- We are still waiting for the Sheriff on this, he wanted to know how in depth we want him to go. Alesha will follow up.

Auction of Lake Arrowhead lots-The Board is holding off until they receive more legal advice.

Proposal from Energy Professionals- The Board has decided to go with the Standard Rate with CMP.

Minuteman Proposal for Overlook-We are still discussing options and cost reductions.

Dedication for Town report and picture for front cover- The Board will decide on a dedication, but this can come off for now and leave the picture for the front over on agenda.

Proposal for JP Furnace-Alesha is working on getting two more quotes to compare.

Proposal for Municipal Resources for Payroll-This will be on hold until after the March vote if we get a new Treasurer. The Board will make a decision then, but the total has been added into the budget.

- Addition to Personnel Policy- needed motion from last week- The Board has decided not to pay the PTO for the Fire/EMS workers that was requested by Vinnie. The Treasurer wanted a motion from the vote last week to pay for this since it is not in the Personnel Policy. Gil **motioned** to pay the request of all pending requests received by Department heads, Brady

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seconded, three no votes, two yes, vote fails. For now, the Board will not authorize the payment but will investigate changing the policy or leaving it as is and try to have this matter handled as soon as possible.

Change mailing date for taxes to be sent out- The Board will talk to the Tax Collector and get her opinion on sending the bills out earlier. This could happen in late June/early July.

Sign CMP Pole Agreement-Scott Paradis looked at the pole location and said it was all set for the Board to sign off on.

New Business:

- Abutter Request- This is an abutter request from Lake Arrowhead. John **motioned** to forward all required information to the Town Attorney on this lot and determine if we can sell it or if it has to be sold by a relator at auction and if we can sell it, can the cost for the attorney to review be added to the sale price, Brady **seconded, all favor.** John would also like to ask the attorney can the Town sell it and the buyer know “ a buyer beware” knowing all the information and that it has not met the timeframe and sell it if we disclose this information and let the buyer take the risk.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

NONE

ADJOURN MEETING: Gil **motioned** to adjourn; Brady **seconded; all** were in favor at 9:23PM

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Monday, January 8, 2024.

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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