BOARD OF SELECTPERSON
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:
Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Casey Gray, Steve McLean, Vinnie Pelletier, Bernie Carroll, Dean and Lisa LePage, Joanne Andrews, Charlie Pellegrino, Ricky Richardson, Lee Darigan

MINUTES:
Approve minutes from October 15, 2024, Wade **motioned,** Katie **seconded, all** in favor.
Approve minutes from October 21st, Katie **motioned,** John **seconded, all** in favor.

WARRANT:
Motion to approve the October 21st payroll warrants only, Wade motioned**,** Katie s**econded**, **all** in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Vinnie Pelletier, Fire Chief:
Calls in September were 51 which brings the total in 2024 to 518. Fire was 13 of those calls, EMS 36 and Fire/EMS were 2.
Fire Station Update- they are finishing the finally punch list, the generator is fully operational, and the plantings have been accomplished.
Member and Staff development- Three members will be attending CISM program in November. This will help in dealing with citizens in a traumatic situation. Three members will also be attending the basic EMT program.
Staffing has been good; October shifts are all full. They have two new hires who are both EMT advanced. They also hired Abigail McLaughlin as an Emergency Wellbeing Coordinator.
The Brush Truck is in Massachusetts for the pump, tank and compartment install. The graphics are being designed by RSD Graphics, emergency lights have been ordered, and the radio install has been planned.
The HUD planning has all come in, all $1.8 million and has been paid down on the loan. There are a few close out documents left to complete. Thank you to the following people who saw the project through, Bernie Carroll, Dave McLean, John Medici, Wendy Thorne, and John Cleveland.
Vinnie also went over some misinformation to clarify some of the rumors that have been circulating.

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Address misinformation that has been voiced at the last two BOS meetings (Hearing of the citizens)

10/15

"Karaoke was shutdown"

In conversation with state fire marshals, no current dancing license
We advised the Peppermill of no current license
Punishable as a class E misdemeanor
Also advised restaurant that smoking is not allowed on the porches, state law, 20 feet from a public entrance, which is 20' from porch entrance, on the side walk

"Not Business Friendly, Anti-Business"

Good business, jobs and entertainment
Pro-Life Safety, if people can enter a business, it needs to be safe..it's what we do
1942 Coconut Grove in Boston, 492 dead, pre-codes and fire protection systems
2003 Station Night Club, RI, 100 dead, no sprinkler system, combustible interior
I don't think anyone wants Limerick to be the next large loss of life at a bar/club

"Treat all businesses the Same"

Main St Restaurant

Required alarm, including apts above
Owner required to remove ceiling boards to add separation
Ceiling boards treated with a product to limit flame spread and decrease smoke production....to protect occupants of the business and above

10/21

"Notice of Violation Given Friday 8am with 48 hr notice"

NOV was served on a Tuesday at 4pm, 48 hrs to reply with plan of correction
Friday, reminded of plan of correction requirement within 48 hrs

"Threatened business owners we would be closing the building in 2 weeks"

Advised owners of situation and that we would be taking enforcement action within 2 weeks, and posting against occupancy could be an option if the fire protection system was not made operational by November 15th.

"Y Installed in Sprinkler System"

Fire Department Connection
FDC and other modifications made after last shutdown

Designed to add pressure to a sprinkler system in support of the municipal water supply, not designed to be the primary water supply

Fires can double in size every 30 seconds, fire will grow significantly in the time it takes to hook up to a hydrant and the FDC

" 3 months with no back up generator at new station"

Supply chain delay in delivery was known
Power cord from old station wired in
Generator parked at old station

If items are worthy of a lengthy discussion during the hearing of citizens these items need to be on the meeting agenda so that department heads can be present at the meeting to answer questions and give accurate and factual information. Conversations that start with "I heard" or "I was told" are hearsay and lead to misinformation being shared causing speculation and drama. Avoiding placing items on the meeting agenda and waiting until the HOC is a backdoor approach to having conversations and it undermines the towns department heads and is detrimental to the operation of town government.

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Casey Gray, Broker from ReMax Coastal:
Casey went over a summary of properties that are under contract currently which include:

Map39, Lot 105 on Dog Road, they have an extension granted until November 29th. Their attorney suggested some alternate options and have been trying to contact them to sort it out.
Map41, Lot 340 on Edge Hill Road, this property is pending a title deposit and proof of funds received. The closing date is 10/31.
Map 41, Lot 272 in Lake Arrowhead is with title company. The closing is scheduled for 10/29.
62 Washington Street, the buyer's attorney had some concerns with the deed, so the closing has been a bit delayed.
Map 39, Lot 106 on Dog Road, the deposit has been received and the buyer is waiting on the appraisal to send file to bank for the HELOC.
Map 36, Lots 4/5, we have received the deposit and proof of funds, closing is scheduled for 11/15.
Map 42, Lot 272 on King Hill Road, the counteroffer that the Board gave was accepted, proof of funds received, earnest money is due tomorrow, she has concerns that this buyer may not follow through.
Properties that are currently on the market include:
12 Range E Road, the original buyers could not get the title release signed so they are backing out of the contract, the Board will sign the termination. This property will go back on the market.
Map 41, lot 231 in Lake Arrowhead, currently listed at $20,000, this is a tax acquired property.
Map41, lot 290 in Lake Arrowhead, this is a double lot currently listed at 25,0000 and is also a tax acquired lot.
Map 42, lot 131 Nob Hill Road, this is a double lot as well and listed at $25,000.
Map 42, lot 230 Nob Hill Road, also a double lot and listed for $25,000.
Map 42, lot 288 on King Hill Road is listed at $15,000.
Map 42, lot 297 on Claymore Terrace is on the market for $20,000.
Properties with Offers include:
Map 38, lot 106 on Raptor Ridge has a $25,000 offer, John **motioned** to accept, Katie **seconded, all** in favor.
Map 12, lot 4 on Quarry Road has a $3,500 offer, Wade **motioned** to accept, John **seconded, all** in favor.
Lot at 140 Parsonsfield Road had two offers, one for $1,000 and the second for $5,000. Casey recommended not accepting either offer as the asking price is $40,000. The Board agreed.
Map 40 on Sportmans received a $20,000 offer, she recommended taking. John **motioned to accept offer, Wade seconded, all** in favor.
Map 40, lot 8 on Sportsman and Moose received $20,000 offer, John **motioned to accept,** Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Any new Town owned Property information- Casey went over during department reports.

Review Legal Accounts- There was no warrants to view this week.

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

BTH Equipment Update- Connectivity Point will be installing the equipment from the BTH to the Municipal Building starting tomorrow the 29th.

Shelter Survey- Discuss and sign the Mutual Aid Agreement. No new update this week, the completed form will be sent back to Ray to review.

Squad Truck Bid Update- John will get with Vinnie this week and add to the government auction website.

Update Microsoft Email- The email update will happen in December with Chris from Modem Wavs.

TRIO Training and Payroll-The first meeting will be on November 7th.

Budget 2025 Update- The Board went through all templates to add their recommendations.
Tax Collector- John **motioned** to recommend a yes vote on the presented budget for the Tax Collector with the addition of the cola, Katie **seconded, all** in favor.
Animal Control Officer- John **motioned** to recommend a yes vote on the Animal Control Officer's budget for 2025, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.
Treasurer- John **motioned** to recommend a no vote for the Treasurer's Office, Wade **seconded, three** in favor, **one** abstains, **one** opposed.
Transfer Station- John **motioned** to recommend a yes vote on the Transfer Station budget for 2025 as presented, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.
Library- John **motioned** to recommend a yes vote for the library budget for 2025 as presented, Katie **seconded, all** in favor.
Constable- John **motioned** to recommend a yes vote on the budget, Wade **seconded,** this budget is higher based on the money that is included for a vehicle that he is requesting, **all** in favor.
John made a **motion** to place a separate warrant article to transfer up to $15,000 from CEO fees to purchase a CEO/Constable vehicle, Katie **seconded, all** in favor and recommend a yes vote,
Code Enforcement- Katie **motioned** to recommend a yes vote on the Code Enforcement budget, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.
Fire/EMS Personnel Budget- John **motioned** to make a recommendation for a yes vote for the Fire/EMS personnel budget for 2025, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.
EMA- Katie **motioned** to recommend a yes vote on EMA budget, John **seconded, all** in favor.
Elections- Katie **motioned** to recommend a yes vote for the elections budget, Wade **seconded,** John would like to know out of the $10,000 elections supply budget what they have spent in the past and how much is left. His understanding is that all the furniture in that office was purchased with elections money. They want to know if they need to budget $10,000 again. They are tabling this template until further information is viewed.
Town Clerk- John **motioned** to recommend a yes vote for this budget, Katie s**econded, all** in favor.
Deputy Town Clerk- There were two presented budgets, one by the Town Clerk and one by the Deputy Clerk, the Deputy Clerk cannot do their own budget so the Town Clerk budget will be the one moving forward. Katie **motioned** to recommend a yes vote on the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector's budget, John **seconded, all** in favor.

Recreation- We will defer this template until next meeting. Greg will be presenting at the next Budget Meeting.

Review Mellens Contract- There are no major changes from the Board, Alesha will make the changes and bring back for the next meeting for Board signatures.

FMLA State Law- Alesha is waiting on a report from the Treasurer to see what the generic figures would be for each employee to pay or the Town.

Sign Abatements- These were deterred from last week. John **motioned** to approve and sign the abatements, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

Sign updated Personnel Policy- The insurance part was updated by John believes there is some concern that this was voted on by the people so this may go on the ballot in March and have no changes from now.

New Business:

Discussion of winterizing the Old Fire Station- John **motioned** to spend up to $500.00 to drain and winterize the old fire building and not heat it for the winter, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will find a plumber to do this.

Discussion of having a streetlight installed at Route 5 and Enterprise Road- Alesha will reach out to CMP and see about having this done and the cost.

Sign termination of purchase and sales agreement- John **motioned** to sign this agreement, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. This was discussed during Casey's report, it is 12 Range E Road.

Sign Deeds- John **motioned** to sign the deeds for the upcoming closings, Katie **seconded,** all in favor.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Lisa LePage- The Historical Society would like to thank the community for a fantastic turn out on Saturday, they had 400-700 people come through. On voting day, the Historical Society is doing their annual bake sale, please bake something and come by something. She is also going to be having a grab and go lunch special of chop suey. The Historical Society is hosting a fall craft fair at the Congressional Church, they have been gifted it. It will be on November 9th and 10th from 9-4PM. Parks and Recreation have coordinated with Historical Society for Village Christmas on December 7th. Everything will be tied into together this year so people will not go home and have to come back.

Steve McLean- He would like to see the land pieces added to the Shopping Guide.

Bernie Carroll- Now that the Fire Department has been built, he hopes that all the rumors will stop. The money has come in and the process is long and daunting. The building came out 99%

out the way they wanted but for the most part meets all the programs that it has to and will pass the OSHA laws that will be coming out. He is not sure how some other local departments will

handle the new laws and that we are luckily ahead of the curve. He is for the Charter and believes the Town needs it but does not like the Business Ordinance.

ADJOURN MEETING: Katie motioned to adjourn; John seconded; **all** were in favor at 8:26PM These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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