

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING was opened to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance, pursuant to 22 MRSA sub section 4305 § 1 at 7:00PM. The ordinance will be available at the Select Board Office for viewing. There were no comments from the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:02PM. John looking for a motion to sign the MMA General Assistance program, Gil **motioned**, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

CALL TO ORDER:

John opened the meeting with the flag salute at 7:03 PM

It is customary after an election that the Board elect Select Board positions, John looking for nominations for Select Board Chair, Gil **nominated** John, he **declined**. John **nominated** Katie, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. Wade **nominated** Gil for Vice Chair, John **seconded, all** in favor. Katie took over the meeting as Board Chair.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Medici, Katie Proctor, Wade Andrews, Gil Harris

ATTENDEES: Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Cheryl Edgerly, Shawn Girard, Bob Richardson, Steve Richardson, Neal Meltzer, Brady Connors, Doreen Allen, Deedee Tibbetts, Cindy Smith, Kara Kent, Billy Jones, Ricky Richardson, Stan Hackett, Deb Jeffers, Merrill Farrand, Steve McLean, Vinnie Pelletier, Jackie Campbell, Ann Boucher

MINUTES:

Minutes from 3/6/23 will be approved on 3/13/23.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Wade read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Robert Richardson, Road Commissioner-

Final report, he posted the roads the other day in Town. John made a presentation to Bob for 41 years for service to the Town. The Board is grateful for Bob's dedication which has not gone unnoticed. We will miss him but wish him well in retirement.

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Vinnie Pelletier, Fire Chief-

February report- 39 calls, 8 were Fire, 1 major fire, 32 EMS which 6 were mutual aid.

The ambulance revenue account, last year's balance was \$197,454.15, after expenses of \$19,047.95 which is money paid to the billing company, paramedic intercepts and some other medical reimbursements on some errors that occur with insurances. Last year the department spent \$15,000 with paramedic intercepts and this year it was \$1500.

\$122,000 was also taken from this account for the new Fire Station. The total deposit was \$56,406.20.

They did renegotiate their Anthem Insurance contract as well.

\$416,826.78 is in the capital account. They are looking in 2027 that they will probably need a new ambulance, the one they will be replacing will be 11 years old which is Ambulance 2. It will probably be around \$225,000. There is also a 2002 fire truck that will need replacing in 2027, it will be 25 years old. This will probably be around \$500,000.

Fire Station update- they have been meeting with contractors, meeting with the excavation company next week. The project is moving forward.

Senator Angus King came to Limerick last week and looked at the new Fire Station plan and current station as well as the water/sewer project. He felt both projects were justified in the money the Town is getting to fund them. The Fire Station funds are being administered through HUD who seem quicker when dispersing money then the EPA who is in charge of the water/sewer project money. He received a packet of information from the Federal Government about the dispersing of the funds. He is working through it; it is around 75 pages.

He has a bunch of members doing training right now. 4 members who are currently doing basic fire school right now in Shapleigh and 3 members in an EMT class in Wells.

He had a member have a medical emergency themselves at a call, he is doing very well and has been cleared back to full duty.

John **motioned** to authorize Chief Vinnie Pelletier to contact John Cleveland in his assistance for receiving the Congressional spending funds, Gil **seconded, all** in favor.

Stan Hackett, CEO-

Stan would like to know if the Board will waive the Building Permit fee for the building of the new Fire Department. It is on the agenda under new business.

January permit fees- \$1,816.52

February permit fees-\$1,908.92

YTD \$3,725.44

E911 Address- there is a new road off of Parsonsfield Road called Waldrons Drive, this has been updated as there are two homes on this drive.

Remember as the time changed to change your batteries in your smoke detectors, gas detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

When he was appointed Constable for the Town the Maine Criminal Justice Academy said there was not a program for Constables, and they were actually correct. Under the state law, Constables fall under Special Police under the State. He has entered under the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for the certification of Special Police.

EPA- Environmental Protection Agency was in Town a few weeks ago and they toured a few of the sites for the old landfills. One site was never recorded as being closed even though it was closed in the 70s, this is one of the primary sites that they believe is contaminated with the chemical

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chlorinate on the Doles Ridge side of Town. Together they found 5 different landfills. The EPA will work with the Town. They have contacted 15 different homes in Town to do some well testing. The Route 11 culvert that has been collapsing is still in need of repair. The State did pave over the area. Senator James Libby has been a help in trying to get this fixed. The DOT is not holding up to there end of the deal as promised.

Stan showed some slides on the landfill areas that were closed. He is working closely with the EPA on the aquifer areas and will continue to monitor to help with the chemical cleanup process.

Deedee Tibbetts- Town Clerk,

There were 4 articles that did not pass, they were 26, 28, 30 and 31.

For the Planning Board, one year position, there were 120 write-ins, and not all of them were for Matt Baron, he got 101. Cheryl Edgerly got 107 votes.

She had a few auxiliary ballots, when the machine cannot read a ballot, there were 4 total that if you add up each section then there was a plus one, plus two, plus three, they will all add up to 4 since that is how many auxiliary ballots there were.

Another question she received was why was the vacancy that opened up on the Select Board not on the ballot and it could not be voted on because it was not on the ballot to be voted for. It will be on the June election ballot. You may take out nomination papers with her.

She talked to the Town attorney, and she will schedule the first meeting for the Charter Committee members to meet. She will reach out to all members to get that scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

CIA Application for Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit-Preliminary Discussion- Shawn received the Recycler's License, now the Board is looking at the Town license. He has gone through the Planning Board as this is a renewal. The Board needs to determine if they want more information as they have had the permit for two weeks. Gil finds no reason not to. John would like to add to the permit that the Town receives all testing that is done, and all results sent to the Town immediately when available.

They test the water every 90 days.

Dirt testing was done 18months ago when the retention pond was put in and will be done again when they change their pad coming up.

Stan discussed that there needs to be a fence or natural barrier of trees from the common view.

The state guidelines say at least a 6 ft tall barrier. Stan would like to see the Town require 8 ft. The Board all agreed to go check out the current fencing/barrier situation this week and keep it on the agenda for next week. John **motioned** to table this discussion to next week, Wade **seconded**, all in favor.

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee Tonight- Kara Kent came to discuss our committee getting started and a little bit about herself. She is very involved in cemeteries; she does a lot of research and is a Board member for Maine Old Cemetery Association and Association for Graveyard Stone Studies in Mass. She writes and presents on the subject. She does not have time to be on the committee but would love to help get it going. Ann Boucher and Jackie

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Campbell said they would be a part of it but did not want a position on the committee. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this committee please reach out to Alesha to join. We are hoping to get this started sooner then later.

Fire Building Update- Vinnie updated during his department report.

Bandstand update to repair- Neal Meltzer discussed the finances of the Bandstand. There have been some remarkable changes to the Bandstand. The total revenue for the bandstand is \$42, 603.75. There have been some areas that are going to cost more money above the contract price. The contract price is now at \$40,400.00 leaving \$2,203.75 left in the balance. They have found some extra issues this week as well that may cause some extra money. Neal will continue to update the Board as necessary.

Review of Legal Accounts- We did receive a new bill for last month. It was a mixture of items they dealt with including our new lawsuit with Mr. Gil and half of the time was spent on the ADB appeal.

FOAA Requests- Nothing new to update.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update – Mike did some deed work, and he found a new deed from further back and as soon as the snow melts, he will find the three granite monument markers. He will update us when that has happened.

Town Charter Update: Deedee will set up the first meeting with all the Charter members as she was in touch with the Town Attorney.

BTH Repairs- This includes a few different items, the walkway and ramp and a 2nd fire escape on the first floor. The walkway and ramp should be taken care of this Spring and once the Building Advisory Committee does their report, we will see what direction we will move in for the 2nd fire escape door on the 1st floor. As for now the 1st floor occupancy will stay at 49 people. With the weather change this week, the front ramp was dead on, it is a big factor in the ramp is exact or off by 1/16th. The new lights have not been working again, Alesha will reach out to Brian to take a look at them.

Woodsome Wildlife Sanctuary sign update- The family is going to take it down to Sanford to the monument place and will get an estimate. Wade will continue to update as more information becomes available. Once the snow melts, we should get an update.

Town owned Property Letters- There are 6 properties that the Town has foreclosed on. The letters have not gone out yet but will within the next few weeks. They are currently with the Town attorney for revision. Once she sends them back, we will send out.

COVID Clinic- March 23rd from 10-2Pm in the basement at the Municipal Building. They can have shots or boosters.

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Hollandville Project- Another project that has \$1 million dollars coming from the Federal Government. Their money is being administered through the EPA and the EPA has stated we will let you know when we are ready. They are still working on 2022 cases. The Board agreed to sign a contract with the contractor, but it has not been officially signed. The Town is looking at some other ways to get this project funded with the water and sewer district. This job will not start until the Board is 100% certain there are enough funds to pay the contractor.

Vault Concerns: HVAC services is putting together a proposal for a humidification system for that building. We will wait to see the proposal. This will help with summer and winter weather.

Pickerel Pond Deed concern- We have enough information to deed the island to ourselves and decide if we want to add any restrictions, but the Town already owns it and does not have to deed it to ourselves. It depends on if the Town wants to spend the funds. This will stay on the agenda for further discussion, Gil believes there are state requirements, but no one seemed to know what those entailed so the Board will see if there are any that need to met.

June Election- warrant article items to TC by 4/14- if anyone has anything they would like to be on this ballot needs to be to the TC by 4/14. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas to consider, please reach out the Board, if not approved then you can do a citizen's petition.

Also, there were a few issues that were noted on the green sheet. In Public Areas, the full three-year budget was added for the cemetery mowing so that account is over. The Animal Welfare Society contract was also missed in getting budgeted in the Animal Control Officer's budget. These will both go on the warrant for June.

Staff Meetings-No updates currently at this time.

Current Town Ways Plowing Bid- The changes were discussed last week, and this bid is ready to go now. The bids will be due back on Monday, April 10th.

OTIS Email Update with proposal- The LVM 211 is out of production and will need to be replaced. This will also go on the June ballot as it will now need to be updated as it will extend the life of the elevator. The cost is \$19,800.

Review and sign Code of Ethics- There was one change from last week. Gil made a **motion** to approve the Code of Ethics for the Town of Limerick, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. Alesha will also send an acknowledgement receipt along with the Code of Ethics that each employee and elected official need to sign.

New Business:

BTH Application- from Deanne Gray for a retirement party, Wade **motioned**, John **seconded, all** in favor.

BTH Application- from Craig Therrien for a birthday party, Gil **motioned**, John **seconded, all** in favor.

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BTH Application- from Mike Ward (Legion Post 55) for a dinner, Wade **motioned**, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor. Alesha will refund his deposit check as he should not have paid.

Carroll Material Letter- A letter to allow them to use the posted roads and they agree to repair any necessary repairs if they damage it. John made a **motion for** Carroll Materials to operate on Pickerel Pond Road and Quarry Road that are currently posted, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Waive Building Permit Fee for new Public Safety Building- This permit is \$33,384.69. Gil made a **motion** to waive the building permit fee for the new Public Safety Building, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

IWorQ Request from CEO- Katie **motioned** to approve the additional \$500 for the CEO IWorQ Request for additional forms for software, John **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Purchase Order #21 for Approval-Wade **motioned** to approve the credit card for \$98.00 for radon testing training materials, Gil **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Certificate of Appointment Papers- John made a **motion** to sign the appointment papers for Fire Chief Vinnie Pelletier, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Cheryl Edgerly- Thank you for all citizens who voted for her for Planning Board.

Merrill Farrand- Potential money from the state regarding Opiate Expenditures as an FYI. CIA permit concerns from abutting neighbors and him being held accountable for requirements as a part of his permits.

John Medici- If the expenses of the Bandstand exceed the budgeted amount, in honor of John's parents, they will donate up to another \$5,000.00 if needed.

ADJOURN MEETING: John **motioned** to adjourn; Wade **seconded**; **all** were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:26PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: Monday, March 20, 2023
End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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