BOARD OF SELECTPERSON
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2024

Public Hearing- Libby U Pick- Liquor License- 7PM- 7:02PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Gil called the meeting to order at 7:03PM with the Flag Salute.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:
Alesha Buzzell, Steve McLean, Neal Melter, Gail Libby, Joanne Andrews, Deb Jeffers

MINUTES:
Motion to approve the minutes: May 20th minutes, Brady **motioned,** Wade **seconded, all** in favor, June 3rd minutes, Brady **motioned,** Wade **seconded, all** in favor, **one** abstained.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Read Announcements: Brady read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve McLean, Appeals Board:
Concern over the Board voting that all Town employees or appointed Boards need to have Select Board Chair approval before reaching out to the Town Attorney. He does not agree with it. He does not think that Boards should have to wait to contact the Attorney, he said time is critical sometimes and they need immediate attention.
Also, the Appeals Board is supposed to have 5 members and they currently have three. He would like to see these filled ASAP as it has been two years with only three members.

Neal Melter, Water District:
The Town water is safe and will continue to be safe, but there are higher levels of iron and magnesium, but the EPA considers these two items to be secondary and safe to use but does stain clothes and is a problem. The water district understands this frustration and has been working to help fix it with the available funding. These are the guidelines that are followed but the district has been working for quite some time to address the issue. They did do a smaller well to help the situation and the iron content became ½ of the amount it had been. Two years ago, the district received $589,000 in grants and took out a 30-year bond for $662,000 to fund a filtration station. The new treatment system went online in mid-April and by early May the kinks were worked out. The iron and magnesium level has been reduced by 50% from wells 1 and 2 and the levels are

below the threshold. There have been some huge gains in addressing these issues and huge thanks to the trustees, contractors, grants and bond company.

The Deepvale is the next big project that the water district is working on that has to do with the replacement of water lines for Emery Corner Road and Central Avenue. Some of the lines are 100 plus years old and the sewer lines are very critical to getting addressed and are very close to some major aquifers. The estimated cost is $1.9 million, and the Town applied for a grant for $1 million, unfortunately this was not funded. He is working with the committee on a loan fund which also was not funded, not because of the need but because the need is so great all of over the state and the resources are limited. They have also applied for a $1.6 million ear mark and all State Senators are in full support. We do not know for sure if the Town will get this but are hopeful and should know soon if you cannot do the work before the money because it is not eligible for payment if the work has been accomplished. So, this would put the project out for a couple years and the district feel the work on Emery Corner Road is critical so they are looking at a back up plan that would scale down the project and not address Central Avenue at this time. The rough estimate is about $1 million. Funding for the water and sewer district has come from a lot of grants which would fall on taxpayers if they did not receive those. In order to get better funding, we need to get the best rates we can on grants.

Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station:

They couldn't make it to July 1st for the brush pile, they didn't have any room left for anymore, so they had to have it grinded sooner. They also needed to meet the Fema deadline of June 19th with a bill which was $12,000, Dirt Direct provided this service. They will not be able to accept brush

for at least another two weeks but will take in more when they have the available space. The Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday for the Holiday and the heat.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee-There should be a meeting in July scheduled.

Fire Building Update- They have moved in!!

Review of Legal Accounts- The Board did not have the warrant to view tonight, only payroll.

FOAA Requests- They are listed on the Town website, nothing new to update.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- Mike is working on finishing this up but the Board has not seen it yet.

Town Charter Update- They held a Public Hearing on June 13th. The next Charter meeting will be June 27th.

BTH Repairs/inside repairs- We are waiting on the insurance to get the final payments and close out the claim for now, Alesha will follow up.

Town-owned Property Letters- There is no new update this week, but Stan has been working diligently on all of these accounts.

Vault Update- There is nothing new to update.

New Business Park Sign- Still in production with RSD Graphics.

Shelter Survey- Katie is still actively working on this required information.

Re-purposing of the Boat Launch in Lake Arrowhead for the public to access- kayaks, canoes, and fishing only, no boats-Alesha has ordered the sign, and the road commissioner will put them up when they are delivered.

Minuteman Proposal for Overlook and Municipal Office cameras, heat detectors- We are still waiting for Cunningham Security to give us a quote.

Squad Truck Bid Update- ON HOLD

Building Advisory Committee- Poison Ivy Control at Grange Hall- Dean is taking care of the poison ivy and Isaac is taking care of the outside issues including the ramp.

Follow up on Otis One Quote- Alesha is waiting to hear from OTIS to see what the difference is from what we did in 2022 and what is being obsolete within our phone system now.

Discuss Sale of three lots in Lake Arrowhead- The LAC does know about this and agrees with the sale. Wade **motioned to** sell the three lots to LA, Brady **seconded, all** in favor, **one** opposed.

Proposal from Connectivity Point- This will stay on the agenda. The proposal is around $56,000 and $25,000 will be available from Franchise fees. She said meetings could be moved to the BTH if the Board wanted.

Follow-up on Edgerly vs Town Lawsuit-This has been settled, the check was delivered to Mr. Edgerly for $7,385, he gave taxpayer ID, we sent the pictures of the new accessible sign at the BTH to our Attorney who shared them with the Judge, and we had the threshold grinded at the BTH for the front door and pictures of that as well were sent.

New Business:

Results from June 11th Election, discussion and follow-up of Articles 6 and 10- The Board will move forward with both articles, Alesha will let the Town Clerk know that they are all set. Both articles passed. The results will be posted on the Town webpage and Facebook. There were two small errors in the articles but were approved by the Town Attorney that we could move forward with them. Katie **motioned** to approve Articles 6 and 10 as written from the attorneys' recommendations, Wade **seconded, all** in favor. The Board is also reviewing the Purchase and Sales Agreement for Allaire Drive, this is a draft and will stay on the agenda for now.

Sign Policy on Building Emergencies-Alesha updated this policy by adding Ward Water as a plumber for the Town, Brady **motioned** to accept the policy as written, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

Sign Two Abatements- Katie **motioned** to sign one abatement, Wade **seconded, all in** favor. Brady **motioned** to accept the second abatement, Katie **seconded**, **all** in favor.

BTH Application- Wade **motioned** to approve the use of the BTH on June 30th, Brady **seconded, all** in favor.

Appoint Civil Rights Advocate- The Town should have this advocate, Brady **motioned** to approve Stan Hackett as the Civil Rights Advocate, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

Fuel Bid- The Board approved the draft fuel bid to go out, Alesha will have this due in July and will advertise in the Shopping Guide.

Approval of Liquor License for Libby U Pick from Public Hearing- Brady **motioned** to approve Liquor License for Libby U Pick and Sons, Katie **seconded, all** in favor.

TRIO Conversion Follow-up- We are waiting on Harris to reach back out with their "playground" for the employees who work with TRIO to try out the new system. Alesha will follow up to see what the update is.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

ADJOURN MEETING: Wade **motioned** to adjourn; Brady **seconded**; **all** were in favor at 8:06PM
These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Monday, July 1, 2024

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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