

BOARD OF SELECTPERSON

Meeting Minutes

January 22,2024

Katie opened with a Public Hearing for a new application for the Peppermill Restaurant at 171 Washington Street for a Class I Restaurant, Malt, Spiritous and Vinous Liquor License at 7:00PM, Wade motioned to end at 7:02PM, Gil seconded, all in favor.

CALL TO ORDER:

Katie called the meeting to order at 7:05PM with the Flag Salute

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MEMBERS IN AUDIENCE:

Alesha Buzzell, Gail Libby, Dave McLean, Joanne Andrews, Stephanie Woodward, Claire Jackson, Susan Lazouras, Julie Giles, Ashley Lutkoff, Justin Pouliot, Sofia Albert, Steve McLean

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes: Gil **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Budget Committee and Select Board meeting on January 4, 2024: Gil **motioned**, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Read Announcements: Wade read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Dave McLean, Charter Commission-

The group has been meeting since April and they have had some really productive meetings. They have provided the Board with a draft for them to review. Their work is not completely done, and he has two requests tonight. The first is according to the Charter regulations that they work under, and when the business has not been finished the Board can reappoint the members of the Charter and he would be looking for the Board to do that motion tonight. Gil **motioned** to reappoint the Charter Commission members to another 1-year term, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor. His next request that the Charter Commission would like to meet with the Board after they review the document. This will be a chance to make any changes or additions. This meeting will happen on Monday, February 5th at 6PM. Once they receive the feedback from the Board, they will make deletions or additions and then send it off to the Town Attorney. They legally have to have them review the document and once they make changes then the commission will post a pre-liminary report on what they have accomplished so far and set a 2nd public hearing so they can get input from the community. After that hearing they will make any changes and suggestions

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and they will put a final document together for review and have the last required public hearing. Once all has been done, the Board can vote to add to a vote for the public.

Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station-

Last year they decided the big loads that were coming from huge demolition needed to slow down a bit. They were receiving more than they could take in. They had suggested to contractors that were cleaning out houses to get dumpsters and from that they saved 162 tons of demolition which was a savings of \$19,400. (audio goes out) They also saved on bulky waste, (audio goes out). She believes her account will just be under \$30,000 which also is a reflection on the savings they had. Revenues were down \$4,165 but they were only down \$1300 in fees, the \$2800 was from (audio goes out). The demolition was down from 253 tons to 222 tons. Single sort went up from 83 tons to 95 tons. They shipped from the transfer station last December 37.7 tons, they took in 41.14% of all household trash. They are taking in tremendous amounts of trash instead of citizens using door to door. These are also reasons why they need the household waste compactor on the vote in March. She thinks one way they can save a little bit of money is to put out to bid to purchase a 9000BTU heat pump to save on electricity. She believes this would save on electricity, right now they are running about \$2000 a year. She recommends they use their donation account for this purchase. This account has about \$7000 in it and is from bottles and cans. Katie asked Joanne to get three quotes for the pump. There is a new entrepreneur in Town that recycles batteries, his name is Bill Dow. They have a container at the Transfer Station and when it is full, he will come and pick it up and leave a new container. This is for alkaline batteries. His business card will get added to the Town website under the Transfer Station.

Steve McLean, Appeals Board-

He just wants to reiterate that the CIA Appeals Board meeting has been moved to February 8th at 7PM. They received a lengthy packet from the Planning Board and needed more time to review as well as have the Town attorney review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Mowing (Veterans/Cemetery Committee- No new update. We are hoping for a meeting to happen by Spring.

Fire Building Update- The garage doors are up. Interior walls are framed, drywall is being hung, insulation continues to move forward, (audio goes out).

Review of Legal Accounts- Last month's bill was just over \$1000.00.

FOAA Requests- No new ones currently, they are posted to the Town website.

Deed work for Tibbetts Park update- Mike has all the groundwork done and is adding it to paper and should have something to the Board soon for them to review. Wade also spoke to Tony and Vicki Carroll, and they informed him that the Town acquired Tibbetts Park in or around 1950, the park was left to the organization of the park committee and the Town ended up with it due to

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nonpayment of taxes. Once deeds are exchanged with the neighbor, we will need the attorney to review all of the paperwork.

Town Charter Update- The Charter will meet with the Board to review the drafted document on Monday, February 5th at 6PM.

BTH Repairs- The outside ramps are completed. Alesha has submitted all to the DOJ. The upstairs bathroom does not meet ADA requirements and the two bathrooms will need to become one. Alesha will investigate getting some quotes if that is the direction the Board wants to take. There will be more discussion next week.

Town-owned Property Letters- The Cure letter has been sent. Katie needs to finish setting up the payment plans with the Treasurer.

Vault Concerns/permanent water line- Nothing new this week.

New Business Park Sign- Nothing new to update this week.

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

Town Sign Update-We are waiting on the electrician who is waiting on parts. Alesha will follow up with him on the Community Room.

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- Alesha is working on this.

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

Minuteman Proposal for Overlook and Municipal Building- We received a diagram to look at that would show the range of coverage that would be added to the Municipal Building for the new cameras. This will stay on the agenda for now to see if John has any more of an update as there is still some new negotiating with the Overlook camera, and he had been working with the salesperson.

Picture for front cover- Please reach out to Alesha if interested in submitting one. The deadline for this is 1/29/24.

Proposal for Municipal Building Furnace-Alesha is working on getting one more quote to compare.

Addition to Personnel Policy- Katie spoke to the Town attorney and forwarded a copy of our Personnel Policy for them to review. She is hoping to hear back this week. The Board is trying to see how changes can be made to the Personnel Policy regarding the PTO. Katie asked the

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attorney to look at both per diem and all employees so everyone who is supposed to receive the PTO is under state law.

Change mailing date for taxes sent out- Alesha will speak to Judy about this.

Abutter Request from 1/2/24-Dottie is working on this and forwarded information to the attorney.

Discuss the Special Town Meeting – change of date- The meeting was originally January 29th and needed to be changed because of a snow date of a Board meeting. The Board will need to meet with the Budget Committee before the Special Town meeting to get their recommendation. This will stay on the agenda for next week so a decision can be made when to meet together to save time.

Discussion of pay for Bishop and Sons from 1/7/24- This will stay on the agenda for next week so all Board can be included in the discussion.

New Business:

BTH Application- Wade **motioned** for use of BTH on 2/4/24, Gil **seconded, all** in favor.

BTH Application-Wade **motioned** for use of BTH on 4/4, 5/16, month of July on Wednesdays, and 11/5 by the Limerick Historical Society, Gil **seconded, all** in favor.

BTH Application- Gil **motioned** for use of BTH on 2/18 with receipt of deposit, Wade **seconded, all** in favor.

BTH Application- Wade **motioned** for use of BTH 2/10, Gil **seconded, all** in favor.

Discussion on mailboxes- The Board received several phone calls on mailboxes that had been taken out from snowplows. Neither the Town nor snowplow contractor are responsible for these damages unfortunately. The Board does apologize for this inconvenience.

Cemetery Contract discussion- The current contractors will not be able to fulfill their contract. The Board will need to go out to bid the rest of the year. This includes Highland and Annex. This will stay on the agenda for discussion on the next step.

Request of computers from Town Clerk-The Town Clerk will talk to Chris at Modem Wavs and see if he will be able to meet their deadline before the March vote to get two new computers. He is coming to the office on Thursday. The cost will come out of Franchise fees. Katie is going to reach out to Chris and ask if he can meet with Gail while he is at the Town hall for a bit on a couple of issues that involve herself and Alesha's computers. This will stay on the agenda for next week to receive the update.

Sign CBDG Papers (2)- The Board will sign these at the end of the meeting. This is the letter of intent to apply for the Deepvale project for a grant from John Cleveland.

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Review John O'Donnell & Associates Progress Letter-This was just an informative letter for the Town about the reevaluation process with an attached invoice to show the cost. The tax bills in September will reflect the new evaluations so sending tax bills out in June will not be an option.

Review of certification of abandonment of tax-acquired property- This information came from the CEO on a property that the Town has taken for non-payment of property. Katie will talk to Dottie tomorrow to clarify. This has gone through the Town attorney for approval.

Vote to approve the Peppermill Restaurant new application for liquor license from Public Hearing earlier in night- Gil **motioned** to approve the application for the Peppermill Restaurant for malt, spirituous & vinous liquor license, Wade **seconded**, **all** in favor.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Steve McLean- question about new sidewalk contract, having the custodian vacuum and clean off rug at entrance, PTO change, Charter Commission recommending a public works, keep that in mind for new contracts and current ones.

ADJOURN MEETING: Gil **motioned** to adjourn; Wade **seconded**; **all** were in favor at 8:13 PM

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Select Board on: Monday, January 29, 2024.

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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