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Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Gil opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:05PM.

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

Gilbert S. Harris, Joanne L. Andrews, Dorothy M. Richard, Wendy M. Thorne, Heath D. Edgerly

ATTENDEES:

- Mike Ward, Cheryl Edgerly, Judy LePage, Derek Welch, Steve McLean, Stacey Layburn, Merrill Farrand

MEETING MINUTES:

- Gil told everyone that due to not having a recording the minutes will be deferred for approval until next week.

DEAPRTMENT REPORTS:

- Cash flow review: Wendy read the balances from the general ledger as of 7/27/2020. She told everyone that if the town spends everything that had been set aside for projects there is a potential for a Tax Anticipation Note which just shows how the cash flows through the system and the mil rate will be set at the end of August for September commitment. Gil asked about not getting as much from the state due to Covid and Wendy told him that from what she saw that they are a little bit ahead of last year and it is based on consumer spending. Wendy said that she would get a report from last year and this year to compare the different numbers to see where they are this year opposed to last year. Heath brought up that they might not see the trickle down until next year. Gil asked Wendy if they should look at this every week and she replied that they should.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Policy on Hearing of Citizens: Gil apologized for not stopping a situation of a Selectman being verbally accosted at last weeks meeting and read a part of the Hearing of Citizens Policy to remind everyone and himself what it says.
- Scout Island swimming area: Application has been submitted and Gil said that he had seen floats out and technically they are not authorized but it is good that they are there for the safety of the swimmers. Heath brought up that talking with someone from the state that not many people know that there is a permit process for this. Steve McLean let the Board know that there are buoys in the Recreation building.
- Gate valve on Main Street: Gil told everyone that John Cleveland had brought this up when he was here last week and that there will be a zoom meeting over this with the parties involved and Gil had asked John to give the Board an update after the meeting occurs.
- Camera at outlook: Dottie had sent an email to the Board with two options and she recommends going with the camera that zooms and that the cost for the camera is \$4,000 and the other stuff that comes with it puts it closer to \$10,000. Heath brought up that

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getting the one with zoom someone would have to be at the Municipal Building in order to use the zoom and maybe seeing if it can be accessed through a phone which Dottie told him that it could be set up that way and told him that on the recording it can be zoomed in after the fact. Steve McLean got up and said that Dottie had answered his question. Dave Candage told them that it would be useless to have the zoom unless someone was there with a joy stick zooming in and even if they do zoom in on the recording after the fact it would become pixilated. Joanne asked if someone looks afterward they would not be able to zoom and Dave told her that you could but it would become pixilated. Dottie brought up that they could always change cameras later on and to go with the cheaper one for now. Dottie **motioned** to go with the fixed field of view camera. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.

- Sidewalk snow removal contract: Gil told everyone that the Board had had a workshop on this topic before the regular meeting and there is still more work that the Board has to do for the parameters of the contract.
- Norton Road Access: A letter had been read last week and Gil could not remember the action steps and Heath said that he thought they were going to have the Road Commissioner come in and discuss putting a No Through sign up. Steve McLean got up and commented that they had decided to discuss it with the Road Commissioner. Gil told him that due to not have the recording of the meeting last week he could not discern the action step.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Citizen request for use of public areas: Stacey Layburn told the Board that she was looking into doing Zumba classes outside and said that she would forward her liability insurance and certification but she was just wondering what the town thought about it. Heath said that he doesn't see a problem with it and told her that she could come to the Board with what she would need and they would try to accommodate her as best they could.
- Inspection of public buildings for ADA/ voting compliance: Gil brought up that some people had been saying that the handicapped issues are fine and others are saying that they are not and he said that they should try to get someone from the state to come down and see if they are in compliance and if not to see what they need to do in order to be in compliance. Judy LePage told the Board that she was going to notify elections with an application and had Mike Gilpatrick as the Code Enforcement Officer sign off on it. She told the Board that she had found out that ADA is for the accessibility on the outside of the building and HAVA is for the accessibility on the inside of the building and that with a historical building it is different than voting, because the place that they are voting needs to be ADA approved. Judy told the Board that with their acknowledgement she will send the application up the next day. She also told the Board that because it is new construction to make it handicap accessible that it has to go by ADA rules. Heath questioned that she had been asked to do the same paperwork for many years. Judy told him that in May 2018 that she had been contacted by elections that there was a request put in for change of voting place and she had told them that work had not been completed yet. Heath said that he would think that the architect or engineer would have contacted her because she deals with the state portion of it and she told him that she had given John Cleveland copies of guidelines and he had told her that the people doing the project knew what they were doing. Heath said that ADA only gets involved if there is a question and Judy agreed with him and told the Board that any Public

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Hearing to do with political items is considered voting. Joanne brought up sending a copy of the plan to elections and Judy told her that it would be easier with the pictures. Gil said that they would need to look at all aspects of this in order to see what needs to be done. Steve McLean made the comment that they had used to vote at the Brick Town Hall and that they had moved to the Municipal Building until the Brick Town Hall was done. Heath made the comment that anything that needs to be repaired according to John Cleveland will be done in phase 3.

- Facemasks at public offices: Gil read an email from Adam Hartwig who works as York District Public Health Liaison for the State of Maine and a letter from a townspeople about people working in the Municipal Building not wearing masks. He also told everyone that there were other complaints about the Transfer Station that Mike Ward had received. Gil brought up that the governor had declared that masks need to be worn and how if the enforcement is not being done then there are officers that can enforce it. Mike Ward spoke about how the Code Enforcement Officer or Health Officer should be handling the complaints and going to talk to the places that the complaints are about and if the state continues to get complaints about it then the state will come down and investigate. Gil said that they should be enforcing it on their own and it is more about protecting others. Mike brought up that most of the people who work in the Municipal Building are behind glass windows so they are safe but if they are not behind those windows they should be wearing masks, like if they are out in the hallway. Heath brought up that Maine has the lowest numbers and that if people have health reasons as to why they are not wearing them it is against people's rights to ask why there are not wearing them and he does not see how they can enforce it. Joanne said that her and her guys should not have to wear masks at the Transfer Station especially if it is 97-100 degrees outside and she will have to take more precautions and find out other ways of doing it. Gil made the comment that it has been publicly noted.
- Clean-up of town properties: the Board discussed how they are still working on it and Heath said that he had donated five more barrels for town owned properties.
- Televised meetings: Gil brought up that there had been a request from Heath that every meeting that happens should be televised and he said that it would have to be done at town meeting with a warrant article for people to vote on. Heath said that if something happens he wants someone to be held accountable. Heath **motioned** to put together a warrant. Wendy told him that in order for it to last longer than a year it would have to be an ordinance and she offered to help Heath with it.
- Workshops: The Board discussed how there are multiple items that need to be taken care of in workshops and how they should have workshops weekly until they can get a lot of the back log dealt with. The Board discussed having their next workshop on town owned properties and to discuss use of town owned properties. Stacey Layburn asked if she would need to be there for that and she was told yes and that it would be the next Monday night at 6:00PM.
- Gil brought up that a Health Trust Form needed to be signed and he would sign it after the meeting.
- Gil told the Board that Rustic Taps is doing there event again this year with the food truck. Wendy **motioned** to approve and sign those forms. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Gil told the Board that there had been a letter from the Maine Human Rights Commission about a complaint filed by a townspeople about the handicap accessibility and that a non-disclosure agreement would have to be signed. Wendy **motioned** to have Gil sign it and get

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it back to the Maine Human Rights Commission. Dottie **second**. Three were in favor, Joanne Abstained, and Heath recused himself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dottie read the announcements.

WARRANT:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the warrant as written. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Pete Proctor apologized for an error he had made during the workshop in saying that the per diem budget would be over but it would not be.
- The Secretary read a question from a towns person about the Brick Town Hall handicap accessibility not being ADA compliant and Gil said that it had been covered previously.
- Judy LePage asked about the weeds on the sidewalk and she was told by the Secretary that Sterling would call when they had them scheduled. She asked about the Welcome to Limerick sign on Doles Ridge Road and New Dam Road and about the mowing of it. The Board told her that it is not covered in the contract for mowing. Steve McLean brought up that all town owned areas should be added to the contract for mowing and that Mike Carroll had gone up and mowed the lookout again. Gil said that the town is grateful for what Mr. Carroll does. Heath brought up the weeds on the sidewalks and how he is asking permission to donate propane and go torch the weeds on the sidewalks because he has used that kind of method before. Wendy **motioned** to allow Heath Edgerly to take a torch to burn the weeds on the sidewalks. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor. Joanne told the Board that a citizen had told her about an epoxy that they could put in the cracks and the Board agreed that it is something to look into and that Heath would get an estimate on how much it would cost.
- Gail Libby told the Board that the livestream was going well until it cut out at 1 hour and 8 minutes and she told everyone that the meeting would no longer be on 1302 next week it would be moving to channel 5. Heath asked when the new equipment would be installed and Gail told him that they are waiting to hear back and asked about the internet and Dottie told her that she had not heard yet.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: August 3, 2020

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

FOR DETAILS OF MEETING
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“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
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By Gail Libby