

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021

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

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- John Cleveland

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for January 4. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Dottie abstained.**

WARRANT:

- Gil reminded everyone to sign the warrants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dottie read the announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Cash flow review: Gil asked if they had anything for this and Wendy said that they do not.
- Revitalization Committee: Gil brought up that they would be discussing getting an RFP for the lights that would go in front of the Brick Town Hall. Heath said that S.A. McLean will donate four brand new unused lights and that there are two different types at his place they can look at. Gil said to come back to it when they have had time to review the proposal and check their options. John Cleveland talked about the last project at the Brick Town Hall being to install four pedestrian streetlights and the Request for Bid is to purchase and install the lights and told everyone that they look like the old gas lamp and that they would be LED which would be cost efficient and would only be on from dusk to dawn. John told them that there are two types of lights and the only difference is the way they face and brought up the Request for Bid and that they are hoping to get bids in by the end of January. Gil brought up that before he came in they had something come up that there could be donated lights and that they were going to see if those would fit. Joanne held up the picture of what the lights look like and asked if they were 30 feet and John told her no they are 12 foot lamps. Heath asked John if there were other towns looking to spend money and getting grants at this point in time and John told him that he is working with a limited number of towns and that communities are being frugal and careful and said that communities are more interested now more than ever to get grants. Joanne read the dimensions of just the lamp part, 3 feet 6

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inches tall by 1 foot 7 inches wide. Gil brought up that they had discussed deferring it until they could look at other options and Wendy brought up that they have lights on the secret ballot. John brought up that the concrete pedestals are installed with a particular bolt pattern and see if this would fit into what they have mounted there. Joanne brought up that it needs to go on the ballot and if they find some that are compatible then they will go with that and that there is no reason to hold the request because they need to get other bids in and see which one is the best. John brought up that if they wait then the bids won't come back until February and they won't have a more exact number for their warrant and Wendy brought up that the lights had been approved by the Historic Commission and that John had sent them the diagrams of the lights and they had approved them. Heath asked how much the lights are and John said that it should be included in the packet and Heath said that he had not been able to see it and Wendy told them \$13,260. Heath made a comment on how that is only the lights and no installation and John said yes that it includes the light materials but does not include the installation. Joanne commented that the underground wiring is all in and John said the conduit and the pull strings for the wiring is in but they would have to put the wiring in underground. Gil made the comment that it can't hurt to get the proposal out and John said that it does not commit them to anything and the price for four of them is \$13,260 and that this is what it would cost if the bidders buy the lights from Hall of Fame. Heath asked if they were the only manufacturer of this light and John said no there are other manufacturers and that they wanted to make sure they got an apples to apples consideration and if someone had something else and wanted to give specifications for it than they would review them. Gil **motioned** that we send out an RFP for the pedestrian streetlights at the Limerick Town Hall. Wendy **second. Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** John said that he would work with them to get it advertised.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Overlook camera: Gil brought up the power service proposal and that there needs to be authorization for him to sign the acceptance for \$1,762.24. Heath **motioned** that we go with the \$1762.24. Dottie **second.** Heath asked if they had checked with Bob DeVilleneuve and if that is something they can check with him on and get a second price. Dottie brought up that it is \$1,725 because we don't pay tax and that she understands what he is saying. Gil asked if it includes installation and labor and Dottie said that it is inclusive. Dottie brought up that he cost \$1,900 for the light behind the Municipal Building and the bulk of this is the meter itself and the materials that go in it. Joanne said that she does not think it will hurt to ask Bob to give a quote and put it off for next week. Gil brought up keeping it on the agenda for next week and getting more information. Joanne asked who would get in touch with Bob and Dottie said she would call him tomorrow.
- Business park lots: Gil brought up that they had gotten a verbal proposal for lots 5 and 7 and said that they should get that in writing and get it formalized. Dottie brought up the information that Courtney had sent from Steve McLean that were two different amounts from two different people and Heath said it looked like it was two different proposals for a

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group of lots. Gil brought up that he had asked Courtney to get in contact with Steve about them and that he hadn't heard back and that one was \$3,500 and the other was \$1,500 and Heath said \$15,000 and \$35,000 and that they need some more details to move forward. Gil asked if lot five was the one the committee has to deal with and he was told yes. Gil asked if Dottie could contact them and she said she could. Heath brought up that they are going forward with putting the one that John would like on the ballot and possibly the other ones if they can get the letterhead and asked what the date was. Dottie said that they had to approve the warrant, the secret ballot tonight because Judy needs it tomorrow. Joanne asked if Dottie had heard if John Medici was not going to go forward with it and Dottie said no and that nothing has changed. Gil brought up that they had a question on whether to sell it themselves or put it on the ballot and the answer they got back was because it has been the habit to put it on the ballot that's what they should do and that will go on the ballot as well as the swap. Heath said that he thought they took the swap off because they did not have the survey and Gil said that it would be voted on and that it would be contingent on getting the survey and that if they don't put it on the ballot then they will lose it. Heath made the comment of citizens voting on it but they don't know what the survey is going to say. Dottie made the comment that John said that he wants that lot.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budgets to review for workshop: Gil brought up a possibility of being able to use the Brick Town Hall again this Thursday and asked if they wanted to schedule that and continue on the warrants and Dottie said that she would rather do it by zoom and Gil and Joanne said they have no problem with that. Gil said to schedule a workshop to continue working on the March ballot. Heath brought up from the Budget Committee that they had voted on articles 3 through 11 and 20 through 24 and everything was voted no except for 8 and 9. Dottie asked what the vote was if it was 3-0, 2-1, and 1-2 and Heath said this was just totals. Gil asked if the Budget Committee has gotten their recommendations to Judy and Heath said that is correct and Gil said that will be what is posted. Dottie brought up needing to approve the warrant to get it to Judy by tomorrow and Gil said that it is on the agenda. Dottie made the comment that their recommendations need to go to the Selectmen not to Judy.
- Library staff position: Gil brought up that one of their people resigned and offered the position to one of the other applicants and Cindy asked about hiring Valerie LePage. Heath **motioned** to move forward with hiring Valerie LePage. Dottie **second**. Gil brought up the request for a background check. Heath **amended his motion** saying that we'll hire Valerie LePage contingent on a background check. Dottie **amended her second**. **All** were in favor.
- Connectivity Point proposal: This is for the broadcast system to upgrade that and Gil asked if everyone had a chance to review it and Joanne, Dottie, and Wendy said that they did not have it and Gil told everyone that the cost is \$3,153.01 and he said that he would make sure everyone gets that and they will take a look at it next week.
- Review warrant articles: Wendy said that Dottie will check with DeeDee on article 2 to make sure the terms are correct. Articles 3 through 7, 10 and 11- charities and Gil asked if

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that was the one where they had \$500 pretty much for each of them and he was told yes other than St Matthew's which is \$1000. Joanne **motioned** that we approve all of those amounts for those charities. Wendy **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 8 which are for milfoil, \$3000, Dottie **motioned** to accept that article. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Next article \$3000 for Sokokis Lake, Dottie **motioned** that we accept article 9. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Article 12 is an ordinance and is voted on by the people, amendments to the Fire Department Ordinance, Dottie **motioned** that we accept that article. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 13 is for the Zoning Ordinance to add the definition of farming, Dottie **motioned** to accept article 13 to be placed on the warrant. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 14 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition for domestic animals, Dottie **motioned** to accept article 14 as written. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 15 is for the Subdivision Ordinance to remove/add definitions, re subdivision, Wendy **motioned** to place article 15 on the warrant. Dottie **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 16 amendments for subdivision ordinance, article 8, Wendy **motioned** to place article 16 on the warrant. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 17 conservation easement for Pickerel Pond Island, Dottie **motioned** that we accept article 17. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor. Article 18, conservation easement on portion of Leavitt Brook Watershed, Dottie **motioned** to accept article 18. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Article 19, land swap with lot 1 in the business park for the lot behind the Brick Town Hall, Dottie **motioned** to accept article 19. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 20, sell lot 6 in the business park for \$15,000, Dottie **motioned** to put article 20 on the warrant. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 21, revitalization of the sewer system, Dottie **motioned** to put article 21 on the warrant. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 22, \$20,000 for grant writing for revitalization projects, Wendy **motioned** to put article 22 on the warrant. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 23, \$15,000 for lighting in front of the Brick Town Hall, Wendy **motioned** to apply article 23 to the warrant. Dottie **second**. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 24, revitalization for water/sewer system project, Wendy **motioned** to apply article 24 to the warrant. Joanne **second**. Gil made the comment of it sounding like improving water and sewer for another part of the community. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Article 25, to not require Library meetings to be recorded, Wendy **motioned** to apply article 25 to the warrant. Gil **second**. Gil told everyone that the Library requested for their meetings to not be required to be televised. Heath asked if this only pertains to the Library and he was told yes and that all other required broadcasts will stay in affect. **All** were in favor. Wendy said that was it for the secret ballot questions and said that there are a few grammar mistakes that they will have to work on correcting that. Gil made a comment that it has to go to Judy tomorrow and Wendy said what has to go to Judy is a formatted one and that they have to have a Public Hearing for these as well. Dottie brought up that they had approved it and Judy will accept that and she will check with her tomorrow and Judy said that she needs

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signatures before she will have it printed. Gil asked if that would be in Courtney's office and she said that it would be with the warrants and Joanne asked about seven copies and Dottie said that she just wants one. Gil said that he would put on the agenda to set up the Public Hearing for next week.

- March Town Meeting venue: Gil brought up that Newfield will be meeting tomorrow night to see if they are going to use the date that they usually have and Dottie said that typically they have more than 50 people and the governor has a 50 person limit no matter how big the place is. Gil said that they could come back to this next week and Heath asked how it will work if they exceed 50 people and Dottie said that hasn't happened in years.
- Schedule Executive Session: Gil brought up the request for Executive Session but the person who requested it has not emailed him back about the purpose of the meeting because there are specific requirements for an Executive Session. Gil said that they would have to dismiss that until they get more information.
- Gil brought up a meeting on Thursday to discuss more of the warrant articles.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- There was a question from Kathy Ward about the land swap article and having it say for added parking and Gil said that that would be information going on at the Public Hearing. Heath **motioned** that we do a land swap that that literature should be added that it will be for parking. Gil **second. Two were in favor; Joanne, Wendy, and Dottie were opposed.**
- Another question from Kathy Ward about articles that the Budget Committee had not gone over and Gil said those ones are on the non-monetary ones and asked if there are recommendations on those and Dottie told him no.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second. All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: January 19, 2021

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Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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