

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2020**

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

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

Roland C. LePage, Dorothy M. Richard, Wendy M. Thorne, Gilbert S. Harris, Joanne L. Andrews.

ATTENDEES:

- Lisa LePage, Mike Gilpatrick, John Cleveland, Rick Richardson, Charles Pellegrino, Bill Jones, Dave Candage, Bob Richardson, Dean LePage, DeeDee Tibbetts, Steve McLean, Tony Carroll, Steve Malmude, Joe Parsons

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for February 24. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Mike Gilpatrick, Code Enforcement Officer, gave his January and February reports.
- Lisa LePage, Community Block Party, asked the Selectmen to sign a form for the fireworks and Dean LePage got up and asked about a dumpster for the block party and Joanne brought up someone donating one.
- Bob Richardson, Road Commissioner, it was brought up that Paul Mann had requested a crosswalk from the post office to the curb at the beginning of Washington Street and Sonny said that it would not be legal to do that because it would not be from curbing to curbing so hold off looking into it until after it has been re hot topped after the water and sewer lines are done. Bob brought up the paving bid from Route 5 to Range E Road and that the bid sheet for it is ready. Bob thanked everyone for the dedication that was in the town report.
- Tony Carroll, Limerick Water District, told everyone that the comprehensive plan from Dirigio is 90% done and a short term goal for them is to treat the Washington Street well online and a long term goal would be to find funding for the well on Emery Corner Road. Tony made the announcement that he would be running as a write in for the three year positions for both water and sewer districts.
- Joe Parsons, Recreation Director, brought up putting the TV and camera up on the second floor of the Brick Town Hall and it was decided to put it above the entrance doors to the dance studio. Joe brought up the basketball court on the cement slab at the ballfield and he was told by the Board that he could bring it up at the town meeting on Saturday. Steve Malmude said to Joe that he should focus more on the benefits to the kids instead of the money and Joe said that unfortunately in order to get kids out there you have to have money for the projects.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

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- John Cleveland, Community Dynamics Corporation, talked about the Notice of Award for the Main Street water and sewer project and recommendation from Al Hodsdon. He also told everyone that the bid this time was almost half of what it was the last time it was bid going from a 1,000,000 to about 670,000. Lisa LePage asked why the change in price and Gil said that it was because construction contractors are hungry for work and when they bid it last time the construction contractors were busy and had no time to do it. Sonny asked how much grant money had been received for this project. John said that about \$190,000 had been received and the town is matching whatever grants are received and that he was putting in another request for another grant. Joanne **motioned** that Sonny, as the Chairman, sign the Notice of Award to Dearborn Bros Construction, Buxton, ME and the award is for \$670,426. Wendy **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. Steve McLean asked John Cleveland if the town could post the bids and proposals on the town website and John said that that would be fine.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Dottie read a letter from CMP asking that the town remove any unauthorized signs from the poles, she also read the statute (Title 35-A, chapter 23, section 2310). Sonny said that every town does it and the signs that are on there are the posted road signs and to wait until they are taken down in the next few weeks. Joanne brought up that they want the town to police it and she said that if one person is handling 300+ towns then they should get more people or give us a break on our bill. Wendy brought up not completely disregarding the statute. Gil brought up that the public has been made aware of it and Joanne brought up putting it on the website which everyone agreed to.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board continued their conversation on the personal property reimbursements from the Fire Department and Gil said that he had heard back from Newfield, Limington, and Cornish Fire Departments saying that none of them would reimburse for personal property and Limington said that they would be working on a policy for it. It was brought up that the Board should work on putting a policy in place, placing it in the personnel policy, and adding in MMA's response to it. Lisa LePage asked what MMA said and Wendy told her that it would cause the townspeople undue hardship. Dean LePage said that the Board should consider paying half of it because they are using their own phones. It was brought up that Dottie had mentioned to Peter Proctor to get two more phones for the Fire Chief and per diems and the Board decided that until the Fire Department has made the request to leave it for now.
- Construction over limit permit is for the paving on Washington Street and the bond is to be given to anyone with vehicles that would be over that limit, Joanne **motioned** to sign the General Guidance to Construction Over Limit Permit and Bonding. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Joanne brought up that the Southern Maine Planning and Development 10 town group were done so the amount that they had \$16,000 was divided up between the towns so they sent us

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a check for \$1396.03. Gil **motioned** to accept the check for the dues returned. Joanne **second. All** were in favor.

- Sonny made the announcement that anyone who wanted to be on any of the committees can let either one of the selectmen or the secretary know.
- Gil said that he still had work to do on the fixed asset report before it could be approved.
- Gil brought up wanting to go to a MMA workshop on How to Lead Effective Meetings for \$85. Wendy **motioned** to authorize Gil to attend the workshop on April 7<sup>th</sup> presented by MMA. Joanne **second. Four** were in favor; Gil did not raise his hand.
- Sonny made the announcement that voting is on Friday all day and town meeting was on Saturday from 9:30 till whenever it got done.

HEARING ON CITIZENS:

- Charles Pellegrino brought up needing to do something about the driveway closest to the elevator at the Municipal Building because it is in rough shape and Sonny said to put something on the agenda for June to get it done. Charles also asked why Candidates Night had not been televised and DeeDee said that it was a long story but Dave Candage had recorded it.
- Steve McLean asked about the vault and if the whole thing is junk and Sonny said no the only things that are junk is the heating system and the front wall. Steve also thanked Sonny for his years of sitting on the Board.
- DeeDee Tibbetts brought up that they had had Candidates Night and Dave Candage had recorded it and read a question to Anastasia Ferguson and Anastasia's response because it had not been done at Candidates Night because Anastasia could not make it.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Joanne **motioned** to adjourn. Wendy **second. All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on:

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING**  
**SEE RECORDING**  
“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”  
March 9, 2020  
By Gail Libby