

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

August 10, 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:

- Judy LePage, Kelli Wedgewood, Dave Candage, Michael McLean, Merrill Farrand, Howard Burnham, Bob Richardson

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for August 3. Dottie **second**. Joanne said that on the first page when it says “the person who used to do the background checks passed should reflect Toni Nappi our town Constable had passed away and that we appreciate all the years of service and that he never charged the town a stipend and on page 5, paragraph 2 it says Tony had admitted that he had done wrong and it should reflect that he said that he had taken the sand/dirt. Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes as revised. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.

WARRANT:

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Cash flow review: Wendy read the balance in the Partners Bank account and read the amounts for the outstanding taxes for 2018 and 2019. Gil asked about the state funding for this year and Wendy said that she has not seen anything different with the Revenue Sharing, Joanne said that there will not be much change this year but next year will be when it will change. Gil went on to talk about what the school is going to do about their budget because a good portion of the tax burden comes from the school. Wendy brought up that it would make things simple with changing to a fiscal year to match up with the school and other entities that are fiscal. Heath said that he hopes the state or government will help with the short fall and Dottie brought up that Senator Collins said that Maine should get aid and Wendy said Maine is supposed to. Heath made the comment that unless they go over and above there will be no reimbursement coming. Gil brought up having an assessment of need done for every department and Heath agreed. Wendy brought up that when whoever runs for Tax Collector or Treasurer’s positions that the pay scale would be based on experience. Heath said that he believes the Tax Collector and Treasurer were running again. Wendy brought up that she would get a detailed balance sheet ready for everyone.
- Bob Richardson, Road Commissioner, Gil brought up the Norton Road issue and how he knows that Bob had put up a number of signs last year and maybe Bob could move them closer to route 11. Bob told the Board that the signs can be moved but people would end up

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turning around in people's driveways anyway because they have already turned into the road. Heath brought up putting a No Through Traffic or Dead End road sign up. Bob told him that it is a through road and it is open for summer maintenance and closed for winter maintenance and said that he could move the sign closer and push the pine trees back. Heath asked about installing a speed limit sign and Bob told him that it is 45 on that road and he cannot put up a black and white speed limit sign but can put up a cautionary yellow and black one. One of the Selectmen made the comment that if there is a speed limit sign there is no police officer in Limerick to be able to monitor it. Gil brought up that the problem is the GPS telling people to go down that road and have Bob move it closer to route 11. Heath **motioned** that we move it closer to route 11 and add a sign that says local traffic only. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor. One of the Board members let Bob know about the meeting with DOT on Friday at 9:00AM at the intersection of Range E and Burnham Roads and that they do not want a lot of cars there to clog up the intersection. Bob brought up that they are going to start work on Foss Road and the first step is to install new culverts. Heath asked about road side mowing and Bob told him that he does not know yet. Gil thanked Bob for all he does.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sidewalk snow removal contract: Gil let everyone know that they had discussed this and had some revisions to make and that it should be run by the attorney before it is put out to bid. Heath brought up approving it with revisions pending approval from the lawyer. Wendy brought up waiting until the final review of it before they put it in the paper. Gil asked that Dottie would make the revisions and send them to Natalie, she agreed.
- Ambulance quote: Michael McLean told the Board that he had talked to Wendy and she had all the information she needed and it should be all set for the November ballot. Dottie brought up doing it sooner rather than later and doing it as a Special Town Meeting. Michael told the Board that it would take 140 days to build the ambulance and Heath made the comment that the funds are in the budget they just need to be released by the town. Gil asked if this was putting the cart before the horse going forward with this before the town votes on it and said that they should have a Special Town Meeting to let people know what is going on. Dottie said that if they decide on a date tonight it has to be advertised for two weeks after being asked when they could have it. Wendy brought up that if more people show up then what is allowed inside the room, what are they going to do, she also brought up that there is \$349,000 in the CD account and the ambulance is \$267,462 so there is enough money in the account that was specified for future ambulances. Mike brought up that it is the same as we have now and that he would get the paperwork to Wendy for the article and she said it is the same article as 2016. Joanne asked if it is the same procedure as with the last Fire Truck and Ambulance and she was told that the only difference would be that it would be on the ballot. Dave Candage asked if they could have it at the Line School and he was told that they would not be able to. Joanne said that she did not like the idea of waiting another three months and that they should figure something out for the Special Town Meeting. Heath **motioned** to get it building and we'll vote it, November. Joanne brought up that if people do not vote for it then the town will have to pay for it. Heath **motioned** to have a Special Town Meeting the 31st of August. Dottie **second**. Four were in favor, Wendy did not vote. Dottie brought up it being at 6:00PM at the Brick Town Hall. Dottie **motioned** to

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accept the step down of Josh Walls and have Derek Welch as the lieutenant. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.

- Recreation department mirrors for BTH 2nd floor: The Board discussed with Joe Parsons the Recreation director about putting mirrors up on the 2nd floor of the Brick Town Hall for dance. Gil read a response from MMA about the insurance part of it and how it has to be fixed to the wall with industrial adhesive, safety mirrors (shatterproof), and it needs to be properly disinfected. Heath brought up using Lexan and doing window tint to make it safer and Gil said that he would need the specifications for this so that he can resubmit it to the insurance company. Dottie brought up that MMA said that it should be installed by a licensed, bonded, and insured company and she also brought up that the 2nd floor is used as a function room. Joe asked what kind of functions go on up there and that they had not been looking at it in a safety way before with the camera and television. He was told that they hold wedding receptions, benefits, and a number of other things and Gil told him that it wasn't that they didn't want to do it they just need to make sure the insurance company approves it. Heath said that he would write up the specifications for the other options and have them sent to the lawyer. Joanne asked about the price on shatterproof and Joe told her it would be around \$1,500. Joe asked about a few items that are in the shed at the ballpark and he was told to ask Lisa LePage about them but as far as they know everything in there is the rec departments and he can make the decision of what to do with them.
- Background checks: The Board discussed having the alternate Constable do them and Gil said that when he had talked to the alternate he did not know the process so Gil said that they should figure out the process. Joanne brought up that the background checks should be under lock and key so people cannot get access, which the secretary told the Board was already something in place. Heath brought up appointing a town official to do them like Judy LePage or Courtney Davis. Wendy brought up that the Human Resource person should be doing them. Heath brought up that if you call the Maine State Police you can call today and get the answer the same day. Heath **motioned** to designate Courtney to take care of all the background checks through the Maine State Police from here on out. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approve Library employee hire: Joanne **motioned** that we take the Library Board of Trustees and Cindy's recommendation. Wendy **second**. Heath added pending background check. **All** were in favor.
- Inspection of public buildings for ADA/voting compliance: Gil brought up the form that had been sent in and that they have not heard anything, Judy LePage told the Board that she had not sent it in because the handicap project for the Brick Town Hall was not completed. Heath said that they should have a checklist for the things that they have left to do for the Brick Town Hall. Judy told the Board that when Mike Gilpatrick gets back from vacation she is going to have him measure from the parking in the back of the building to the ramp because every 100 feet there has to be a rest area and Joanne told her that there is not enough footage for them to need to put a bench there and that Bob had ordered the signs to put on the building. Heath asked if Bob Richardson has the lines and marker items for the parking lot out back and Joanne said that he does not. Judy told the Board that where they are voting right now is fine but if she sends the form in it will probably fail. Heath said that they could not vote at the Brick Town Hall legally and Judy agreed. Judy told the Board that she was

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fed up with the bickering and told them that she does not take sides and that she tells it like it is and is not doing anything behind anybody's backs and if people want to avoid her they can but she believes that her and DeeDee do not deserve it.

- Ordinance for live broadcast: Gil said that they had a workshop on it and asked if the Board wants to put it on the November ballot and Dottie brought up waiting and putting it on the March ballot and having people email the secretary if people want all or the ones already on there. Wendy also brought up that she would like to survey towns around Limerick that have been doing so.
- Clean-up of town properties: Gil brought up that they want to make a list of all town owned properties in order to have them covered under the contract. Joanne read off some of the things that are included in the mowing contract and that the lookout is being done and maybe how the contractor is doing it is not acceptable to Mike Carroll she doesn't know. Heath brought up that when the contractor gets there the lookout and lots beside it are already mowed but they get paid for it, Joanne said to maybe ask Mike to wait until after the contractor has done it. Heath brought up this being a workshop to discuss and list the town owned properties for clean-up. Joanne asked if anyone had talked to the Custodian to see what he does and Gil said that he would do it for next week. Mike McLean made a comment about making sure the overlook gets cleaned up.
- Workshops: Gil brought up starting with town properties to be auctioned and one of the Board members brought up going over the agenda policy. Joanne said that Dottie had provided a map and list of all the properties and talked about how when there was a court case with Lake Arrowhead there was an agreement to not sell or swap swamp land and other land that the town owns.
- Gil brought up the discussion of constitution week that they had had last week and how they had approved them to put a sign up for it. Wendy **motioned** to have the proclamation displayed at the Town Hall. Joanne **second**. Heath asked about the meeting and Gil told him that it is just going to be someone coming to take a picture of where they hang it and mention the town of Limerick in their annual report. **All** were in favor.
- Code of Ethics: It had been approved at an earlier meeting and was decided that they would sign it the next week.
- Gil told everyone that they had approved the Norris Contract and he would sign it after the meeting.
- Executive Session: Gil told Joanne that the request for Executive Session had been rescinded and Joanne read information that she had. She told everyone that she was not at a meeting on Main Street with John Cleveland, Scott Dearborn, and the engineer and she read that talking to Scott Dearborn on the phone she was told that Dearborn had bought reclaim to clean up the staging area they had used for the project and that Tony Carroll had approached one of his men and asked him for a little pile and that they did not care what he used it for. Scott also said that he would like him and his company left out of anything like this. Joanne said that she wanted everyone to hear both sides of the story.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

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- Kelli Wedgewood voiced her support of Melissa Knight’s letter and voiced the concerns that others who live on Norton Road have like speed, people turning around in their driveways, people taking things off of the properties on the road, and the behavior of people going down that road. She said that her and her immediate family are asking that the town takes this seriously in order to get it fixed and she said that the first option they would like to happen is for no traffic to go down the road and that is having the GPS changed and Heath told her that if she got the information to him he would be willing to do so and another option is to have Libby’s put a sign on route 11 telling people to keep going to Pickerel Pond Road. She thanked the town and Libby’s for the actions that they have taken and hope that this situation can be resolved.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: August 24, 2020

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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By Gail Libby