

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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February 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Sonny opened the Meeting at 7:05PM with the flag salute.

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Ed Morgan, Sue McIntyre, Steve McLean, Jason Johnson,

MINUTES:

- Joanne **motioned** to approve the minutes for February 11. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Jason Johnson, fire chief, gave his January report. He also asked the board to motion to bring two people on board that he had had background checks on. Gil **motioned** to accept the two people Jason mentioned for starting in March for the per diem. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor. He told the board that Fail Safe was going to do hose and ladder tests. Jason also went on to talk about another person completing the EMT course and another person wanting to get into it. Seven fire hydrants out of order. Dottie brought up that whoever covers Dick's shift they do not punch and Jason said that he would bring it up.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- We got a letter from someone on Washington Street about having snow pushed onto his driveway and Sonny said that the state pushes it onto the sidewalks and the sidewalk crew pushes it to the back of the sidewalk and some of the houses are close to the road way making it seem like it is on their stoop. Nothing we can really do about it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joanne **motioned** to appoint Dennis Carrigan to the Saco river Corridor Commission. Gil asked if there were positions open and Joanne told him that yes Jane Bryant's commissioner position was open. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The board discussed the letter from TRIO whether we would need to get new computers or if we could just upgrade the ones that we have and if we need new computers it would be seven (Judy, DeeDee, Dottie, and Courtney). The board decided to table it for a week, find out more information and then discuss it further at the next meeting.
- Wendy brought up the Maine municipal health trust PPO2500 insurance plan and how the board needs to look into it more for 2020 and combine it with the personnel policy.

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- Gil brought up that a citizen had asked about the 2020 block party. The board talked about the fact that Laura has a designated account for it and that we need to figure out how much we have in the account and what are we going to do about it? And Joanne said that there is a committee who is supposed to work on it and come up with a black party.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The board needed to re-sign the supplemental for account 2230 because the mil rate had been wrong so the supplement amount was wrong. So Joanne **motioned** to sign the supplemental tax form for \$1392.45. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Wendy asked that the article 70, to transfer from the capital reserve account to the capital project handicap revitalization account for the paving of handicap access ramp and complete landscaping at the Brick Town Hall, be put on hold until June because of extenuating circumstances with the architect and the bids. Dottie **motioned** to table the former article 70. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor. Joanne **motioned** to approve the warrant of 2019 as presented; there are seven copies to sign. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Gil **motioned** to accept the annual report with gratitude. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Snowmobile Insurance, Dottie told the board that the insurance company is willing to extend it for six more months but not any longer than that. She also said that if we were the ones doing it MMA would help but because it is volunteers and donations they can't, but the Snowmobile club should have their own Certificate of Liability Insurance because of the equipment that they store in the building.

WARRANT:

- Joanne **motioned** to approve the warrant. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:

- Steve McLean: Joanne on the thing you wrote about the bids, could we get together and have a little committee or something to go over having a policy for that. You sent a thing to all the people on the budget committee. Joanne: I sent it around to everybody. McLean: Do you want to get a committee together. I mean I'd like to be on that committee and get a couple of selectmen, a couple of people from the budget committee. Joanne: Combined workshop. McLean: Yeah that's fine. Do something. Has it over and get something done. Second thing concerns the mess up on Main Street. Last year I asked for a, I sent a letter asking for a scope of what the work is supposed to be done on Main Street but I never got a reply. The intersections up there, Burbank, School Street, School and 160 Crossing, Main, and Locust Hill are all part of the road snowplow contract. That the intersections be kept clean and visible but yet we're expending money to clean that up separately. So why are we paying twice? You know we're spending 2 to 3,000 dollars for every six inch snow storm to clean Main Street it doesn't seem like anybody on Main Street really cares. There's piles of snow everywhere, is that just a waste of money, as far as I'm concerned. We shouldn't be on private property, if we're gonna continue Main Street we outta be doing it and nobodies done in front of the Jeremiah-Mason House all year because that's considered manual labor.

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So we're really half assed doing it but now it's got to the point where nobody up there does a thing. They want us to babysit that, the town, and I think if we're gonna do that then we outta have a policy, everybody over 80 we're gonna send a crew up and clean their yard out too. Sonny: Well if you're referring to what went on I think it was maybe Friday. McLean: Well no it's every storm Sonny; we're spending money up there. Sonny: Listen to what I'm saying there was a loader up there, going around and around, he was piling snow, so forth so on. And some of that was in their original contract for behind the Brick Town Hall and so forth. Up by the fire station, they took a lot of snow outta there, where it comes from the roof so forth. That was part of their plowing contract that they have, okay. McLean: That's not what I'm talking about. Sonny: Listen to me. We did not get billed for it so therefor essentially we didn't pay anything for it other than under the contract that they already have for plowing the parking lots. So when you got someone doing something extra for nothing maybe you ought to sit back and keep your mouth shut. McLean: Well you wanna get into it, let's get into it. Your lot gets cleaned out every storm and we haul it away. That's not part of it. I'm sitting here stating that when we clean Main Street, that's what I said, that's all I said. When we clean Main Street why are we doing it every storm? Can't people who own the property do it? Sonny: We are not doing it every storm. McLean: We had six inches of snow and went and cleaned it up this week. Sonny: Essentially what's been going on is when you come out of the post office, when you come out of route 11, Burbank, whatever. When the snow gets piled high enough so that you can't see. I usually call a couple of the board members and say listen it's getting pretty high, we probably ought to have them move the snow. Now they do one of two things: if it's really high they hire a couple of trucks from people around town, not their own trucks, and they do precisely that they remove it. If it's not to awful bad we've done it what twice? Joanne: Once. Sonny: essentially they just kind of shuffled it around, they didn't really haul it off but it was piled up at the intersections. At this point in time what we have done and I'll argue this until hell freezes over the last contract that we had was I believe upward of \$18,000. We got half our money's worth and we got a lousy job, we spent 18 grand. This year I think we're up to I don't know what the number is now, but I know it's nowhere near that. So we're saving money doing this hand over fist and here are complaining. It's ridiculous. McLean: No, it's not ridiculous. Sonny: Yes it is. McLean: There's a certain thing out there saying that you're not supposed to use public funds on private property. So we can't be on private property doing public funds and the same people that are clearing it out, have been bidding on this all along. CIA was the low bidder okay; the other guy was the low bidder. Sonny: And they got the job. McLean: So the other people would have been the high bidder getting the job. It's just been going up and up and up but what I'm saying it why are we going on Main Street. Sonny: Then tell me why did we pay CIA or the other contractors 18,000 and over the last couple of years we've been spending somewhere in the vicinity of 10 or 11. McLean: Well it depends on how much snow we get and we haven't had much snow this year. Sonny: There you go. We're better off doing it the way we're doing it. McLean: Well no it still should go out to someone else. How can you say that? Like I said, there again. Sonny: Whatever. McLean: No it's not whatever, every time it's up there. Sonny: Yes it is. That's foolish Steve. McLean: That's your opinion. Sonny: We've saved money two years in a row and now we're gonna put it out to bid. That's ridiculous. Leave it the way it is. You've got the best system as it is going right now. McLean: I got to disagree. Sonny: More people in town are getting work out of it because they're hiring these other trucks. When the contractors had it before did they use all their own trucks, did they use any trucks, what happened? Tell me. McLean: Same people

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have it right now and they're still using it. We're not sharing to much out there. You had one new contractor last time. That's all it is there was supposed to be a list, where's the list? Where's the rotation that you touted? Sonny: They have the list and I have talked to numerous people that they call. Matt Rogers, his truck is always there, Woodsome's trucks have been there, numerous trucks. So don't tell me that they're not calling different people around because they are. Joanne: I've always had a problem with the businesses up there. They've got independent plowing contractors and they'll plow down Main Street or they'll plow up Main Street. There's no rhyme to reason the way they pile it. McLean: Well they're doing it because we're foolish enough to go up and haul it off. Joanne: When we had the building where the Hungry Hollow was we had to plow our own property. We had to put it in the parking lot and when the parking lot got full we had to pay to have them haul it off. McLean: Right. Gil: That's the way it should be. Joanne: And I really have an objection because nobody pays to plow my dooryard. Mclean: Why don't we expand? Go down to the supermarket and the bank now. That's the new downtown. Sonny: These guys are not taking the snow away out of their parking lots. Look at the post office they had to shovel away into the back door on the side. They're not taking this stuff out of the parking lot. They're taking it off the sidewalks right of way. That's where they're taking it from. Now somebody piles it there that's the way it is, it's still there. McLean: That's why the select board has got to step up. Sonny: You go up and police the store and everybody else from plowing it there; I guess that's the answer. McLean: The select board ought to just have a policy that we're not going to do the sidewalks; the people that own in front of the sidewalk should be the ones doing it. Sonny: Unfortunately with that we've been to town hall I don't know how many years and I can think back through the years where thus was argued up one side and down the other and we'd spend a hour at town meeting on this issue and every time when it's all said and done the people vote to clean the damn sidewalks up there, and that's the way it is. So the voter's choice. McLean: Well then we put it to vote and see. That's what we ought to be doing. Put it out to vote to see if the people want to continue to spend that money on a little strip of Main Street. Sonny: There's a warrant article right here. All you have to do is go up there and we'll argue about an hour and I'll guarantee you when it's all said and done it'll pass. McLean: Put it on the ballot. So 700 people can vote. Sonny: Well whatever. McLean: Well it's not whatever. Sonny: Well it's too late for that now. McLean: Well it is. Do it in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements. Gil also made the announcement that there is still sand and salt across from the Fire Station.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: February 25, 2019

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Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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