

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Sonny opened the Meeting at 7:05 with the pledge

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Ed Morgan, Courtney Davis, Steve Malmude, John Cleveland, Judy LePage, Cindy Smith, Steve McLean, Sue McIntyre, Laurie Thyng, Lisa LePage, Sean Carroll, Joe Parsons, Mike Gilpatrick, Jason Johnson,

MINUTES:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Mike Gilpatrick, Code Enforcement Officer, gave the December and year-end report.
- Jason Johnson, fire chief, gave the December and year-end report for the fire department.
- Judy LePage, Town Clerk, got up and read a letter from the Department of Secretary of State Bureau of corporations, elections, and commission about needing new voting machines after December 31, 2019. She also read off the candidates for the ballot.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

- John Cleveland, Community Dynamics Corporation, who is working on the CDBG project on Main St, had more documents for the board to sign, a Fair Housing Self-Assessment which reviews questions and information about what your information is regarding housing in Limerick and what your information is if there is any kind of discrimination that's going on in the community or has happened in the community and a Section 504 Self Evaluation and Transition program is a form that takes a look at your facilities and programs in regards to its accessibility for folks who may have disabilities, one of the sheets deals with employment, equal opportunity, and the other deals with program accessibility so they look at all the facilities that the community has and programs that we provide directly here, these documents are part of the required paperwork for the grant that has been given to the board. Joanne **motioned** to sign the Fair housing assessment and the 504 self-evaluation and transition plan. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor. John also had the board sign a letter to send to the state historic preservation commission which is part of the environmental evaluation process and it asks if the state will permit us to have the job done and if there are any historic structures or artifacts that we need to be mindful of.

OLD BUSINESS:

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- Sonny touched on the Felch's Corner stop sign and said that he has spoken to Bob Richardson and see if the sign still works and that Bob would get back to Sonny on the sign.
- The article pertaining to the three parcels of land was voted on. Dottie **motioned** to add the article to the secret ballot. Wendy **second. All** were in favor. Gil **motioned** that the selectmen suggest a yes vote. Joanne **second. All** were in favor. The next article they went over was the unencumbered money from any approved capital project would be put back into the capital reserve account if it is three years or older. Dottie **motioned** to add it to the secret ballot. Gil **second. All** were in favor. Gil **motioned** for the select board to suggest a yes vote. Dottie **second. All** were in favor. \$150,000 from the fire department capital reserve account for lot site located on Main St, tax map 22 lot 78. Dottie **motioned** not to put it on the secret ballot, but to hold off because there was not enough information. Gil **second. All** were in favor.
- The next article was to transfer \$15,000 from unassigned account to pay for tax payments. Dottie **motioned** to take \$15,000 from the unassigned account to pay tax abatements and duplicable interest. Wendy **second. All** were in favor. They decided that the review and revenue articles would be all on their own in one meeting. The next article talked about raising and appropriating for professional fees at the price of \$63,635. Dottie **motioned** to accept the article at the amount of \$63,635. Wendy **second. All** were in favor.
- Wendy had added a few articles like taking out 47 and creating a capital improvement account. She bumped up one of the numbers to 7500, franchise fees that were received were 36,127.66 and she talked about adding a warrant article that 70% of those funds stay in operational account (25,289.36) and 30% goes to the equipment account of 10,838. For the article that talks about transferring from the unassigned to the capital reserve account that she didn't have the numbers for it yet but there is about 147,000 in there so far and the only two capital projects going on is the Brick Town Hall for 35,000 and the handicap accessibility which is about 15,000 making the total go down to about 97,000, and to start moving money to the reserve account for a rainy day" fund. Wendy also added article 72 which is establish a capital improvement account and transfer \$26,112.00 for improvements to the Municipal building (20,000), library (2,112), and EMS fire department (4000). She also added an article for the purchase of a dehumidifier and to clean the mold in the vault, this was put on hold until we get the second estimate from New Energy Solutions. Also, the board discussed adding a article for the snowplow bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joe Parsons was called to the podium and told everyone that he was looking forward to working with the kids. Joanne **motioned** that the board appoint Joe Parsons as Interim Rec Director and his term will expire March 31, 2019. Gil **second. All** were in favor.
- Sonny signed the background check.
- They put the warrant for the vault on hold because they did not have all the numbers and did not have the estimate from New Energy Solutions yet.
- Gil discussed the fixed assets email he had sent to everyone to start a reserve study including expected useful life, replacement cost and such he went on to say that the initial list was from the insurance company, that listed the buildings that we have and Gil also went on to say that one of the important things for the building is the energy facilities like the boilers, air

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conditioning equipment and those are things that need to be added to the list. He said that he was going to try and take a walk with the custodian and get some ideas of what we have and list the equipment, he said he should be able to do it in the next few weeks.

- Delinquent payments: Sonny said to table it and “we’ll go into an executive session to discuss that.” Dottie: “That’s not an executive session. That’s a public thing.” Sonny: “We’;; discuss it later.”
- Gil brought up him and Courtney to go to a General Assistance workshop on February 7, 2019 for \$45 dollars each and for me to become part of the Maine Welfare Directors Association for \$30. Joanne **motioned** for Courtney and Gil to attend the GA workshop on February 7 at a cost of \$45 each and \$30 for Courtney to join the Maine Welfare Directors Association. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Gil: “Basic GA question: We don’t know what’s gonna happen with this shutdown but if it continues there is going to be some very severe needs of people that may not qualify for the state reimbursement based on income level so I’ve inquired from Augusta if they have any plans yet for WIC, for section8 housing those are types of things that may apply here if the shutdown continues. Hopefully not but we wanna be prepared if that happens, the state does not have something in place yet for WIC but they’re going to be addressing it and get back to me. If this goes into February SNAP benefits well are likely to end. They have not told me anything about section 8 but the funding currently dries up in February for that so there may be some needs come up that are over and above what the state reimburses, the state reimburses based on a formula of household size and income and if somebody does not fit that category the state doesn’t reimburse us, so we may have some needs, hopefully the legislature will work this out but right now there is no endgame anticipated so we don’t know if that’s gonna take place. Just as information.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

WARRANT:

- Wendy **motioned**. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Laurie Thyng: “I’m here as a citizen of the town of Limerick someone that works with youth and has for many years and I’m here as a grandparent who is concerned and more than a little irritated, um first of all I wasn’t going to say anything when one grandchild was affected by the tumbling incident and how that all played out and the parents were notified and all that coming from Hiram, so I wasn’t going to say anything, so then two of my grandchildren were quite upset because they play basketball and the travelling team was cancelled, so the coaches didn’t have an input and at the time your newly sworn in director I guess I’ve heard two versions, I guess he had a conversation with Lisa and they decided to cancel, but the coaches weren’t consulted

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which happened to be my son and my daughter-in-law who were brand new at this and they were told that it was being cancelled and that skills and drills would be taking place and Mr. Parsons would be the teacher. So of course these kids are very upset, I'm not quite understanding why it was cancelled, yes they are a diamond in the rough when it comes to teamwork, skills, and playing but if they are having fun out on the court and the parents were as committed as the kids to the travel team I don't think it should have been cancelled without the kids at least being asked what they wanted to do if they preferred to travel or if they preferred to do skills and drills, which is much needed but they still had their hearts set on, some of these kids, on playing on this travel team, some of these kids, this rec department is all they have their not, some kids aren't naturals, I was never athletic but it didn't mean that I didn't have the right to still play, these kids should have been given the right to play as far as I'm concerned. So I just wanted to voice my displeasure at this and I'm hoping that going forward things like this that the kids will be more at 4-6 grade, they should have been asked I mean they really should've had a say if they wanted to play or not. I didn't like the way it went down, to me it wasn't fair to the coaches or to the kids, and you don't know a lot of these kids they have low self esteem so hearing that they're not good enough to play if it's not explained outright they take that to heart, it's like I'm not worthy of this so I'm just hoping that in the future because a lot of these kids won't be back to the program, my grandchildren will not be back to Limerick Rec Department programs and a lot of the other kids won't either because of how this played down. I just wanted to make you aware of that, and also you should as the town parents, is what I consider the five of you, um it probably wouldn't hurt once in a while to stop in on some of these games, you might be in for a rude awakening as to what goes on and how kids are allowed to act over at the line school they are up on the bleachers where it's not, where they're not supposed to be sitting, they're out getting all the balls out, there should be one ball on the court during the game and that should be the ball that's for the game, you've got dribbling and passing back and forth and then you've got older kids that in between the periods they're out on the court shooting and playing if you wanna do that do a free period after everything's done then at the end of the game you're not always off, the spectators aren't always outta the room before the kids are out on the court throwing balls around and spectators are getting hit. So it's a safety issue and I mean Lisa's addressed it numerous times tried to do her best but you know at some point somethings, may the rules need to be written up because these re great code of conduct right here these should be on the website so that everyone can see them, Thank you Lisa for them and also they should be, maybe there should e things that are read, um, what's expected behavior at every game as well as probably some of the practices wouldn't hurt. So I thank you for your time."

- Sean Carroll who is a part of the Massabesic Little League which used to be Shaker Valley asked if there was a space where they could meet either in the Brick Town Hall or here in the Municipal building once a month from 6-8 on Wednesday night and it would be more on the off season then during the summer. Joanne **motioned** that Massabesic Area Little League be allowed to use the community room downstairs once a month on Wednesday from 6-8. Wendy **second**. All were in favor. Sean was asked if he would need the towns help and he said that they do their own fundraising but you never know.
- Lisa asked if the board wanted her to do the annual report for parks and rec and the board said yes.
- Ed Morgan: "Just on the budget we are going to meet Thursday at 7 here and we're now down to about the nine items that you just went through on that we'll go through those and the rest of it we'll take a giant vote on everything that way we can and then I think and you (Wendy) and

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I are gonna meet this Saturday and just make sure that all the T's are crossed and the I's are dotted, so to speak on that." Wendy: "the article numbers keep changing like a chameleon, it's the article for the care and maintenance of public areas we added 480 for the mowing and you were here for that, so you're all set." Ed: "So I'll get a copy when you make the changes that you've done tonight and that's what we'll use on Thursday to do the voting on and we'll review those articles, the other question is you have a list of questions for the committee the grant people whatever, are they going to be available on Thursday, I mean the answers at this point, do you know?" Wendy: "I'm hoping so, cause we meet with the committee for the handicap accessibility or one of those committees, tomorrow night."

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Joanne **motioned**. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: January 28,2019

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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By Scott Pomerleau