

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

**December 16, 2019**

**Public Hearing for the General Assistance Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan from 6:00PM-6:30PM**

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:

- Steve Malmude, Rick Richardson, Cindy Smith, Steve McLean

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for December 9. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gil talked about the Wilinaki land that Limerick is on and that we should acknowledge and honor their history.
- Joanne **motioned** to accept Section 125. Wendy **second**. Joanne brought up that the employer would save on the FICA match on contributions and the PPO plan that was chosen is a foundation for other savings plans like the Flexible spending and Health Savings Account. Gil **motioned** to accept the Section 125 plan. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Dottie **motioned** to have Group Dynamics administer the Section 125 plan. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Wendy brought up Cell Phone use during meetings and that the professionals in the room should be conscious of not taking phones calls or texting.
- Joanne **motioned** to accept the draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan for per the Public Hearing we had earlier and it to be placed on the ballot. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Dottie **motioned** to accept the General Assistance Ordinance. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board discussed the contract from O'Donnell's and Joanne brought up that Mike had said something about the \$4000 had something to do with the computer program. Dottie told her that there was already \$2500 for the mapping portion of it and that the additional \$1500 for O'Donnell to get caught up on some things and she also told Joanne that in a few years it will go back to being general mapping but the extra is to recoup for all the work O'Donnell's has done. Dottie **motioned** to sign the two contracts for O'Donnell. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- For the snowplow contract for the roadways, Wendy **motioned** to put it in the Smart Shopper, Shopping Guide, and Waterboro Reporter for the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> and be back on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

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- Wendy brought up changes to the Personnel Policy like under Holidays section B and E. Joanne **motioned** to accept these changes to the Personnel Policy and it be updated today (December 16). Dottie **second**. All were in favor. Under benefits she made changes to sections A through E. Dottie **motioned** to accept these changes. Wendy **second**. Gil asked if there should be a specific amount for the opt out or if they should leave the \$500 out so that it is flexible and Wendy told him that section E in the policy covers that and makes it flexible. Four were in favor; Joanne did not raise her hand.
- Gil brought up a letter from Morgan construction to Mr. McLeod about the vault and he said that he would have it available for the Board.
- Gil **motioned** to take him up on his offer on an initial meeting at no expense, whether it be with the Selectmen, Fire Department Officials, and any interested parties from the Fire and rescue and public that would be interested in attending. Dottie **second**. Sonny brought up giving the Fire Department a little bit of time to pull everything back together. Dottie brought up that Jason Johnson, Fire Chief, would have liked to be able to meet with Neal Courtney, Fire Protection and Rescue Service Specialist, about this and he would be agreeable with this. Joanne also agreed with Sonny that it is jumping the gun a bit. Steve Malmude made a comment that the Fire Department needs all the help they can get. Joanne and Sonny both brought up discussing if the initial no cost meeting has already happened and how much his services are going to cost before going forward. Gil **revised his motion** to consider this after he has a discussion with Mr. Courtney that we will pick this up next week to have a vote and see if we can determine a time and place for a meeting with all the parties that will be involved. Dottie **rescinded** her first second and **second** the new motion. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand.
- Wendy began a discussion about the articles, Articles 3-11 are charities and how much to give to each charity. Dottie **motioned** to accept these charities to go on the secret ballot. Gil **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. The 2020 Block Party Committee has asked for \$1500 for fireworks for the block party on August 15, 2020, Joanne brought up that this was going to be part of the Bicentennial for Maine. They had already voted on this at a previous meeting. Article 19, tax abatements, accounts to pay and applicable interest. Dottie **motioned** to take money from the unassigned to pay for abatements of \$15,000. Sonny **second**. Briefly spoke about Article 20 which has to do with revenues and how we will go over the goal that had been set. Article 22, operations of Municipal Officers and support staff and how the only change is the 1.6 for raises. Dottie **motioned** to raise \$86,103 for support and municipal officers. Gil **second**. All were in favor. Article 25, professional fees, Gil **motioned** to accept that pending information on the upgrade. Dottie **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. Article 26, Assessing and Tax Map revision, Gil **motioned** to accept \$47,929 to be presented on the warrant. Dottie **second**. All were in favor. Article 28, group health insurance plan, Dottie **motioned** to put this on the warrant. Sonny **second**. Four were in favor; Joanne did not raise her hand. Article 29, raise and appropriate for the poor, Dottie **motioned** to accept putting \$11,000 on the warrant. Sonny **second**. All were in favor. Article 30, administrative costs, Joanne **motioned** to put on the warrant \$28,500. Gil **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. Article 31, Board of Appeals, Wendy said that she just increased it for the 1.6 increase for cost of living; Dottie **motioned** to accept \$1510. Gil **second**. Three were in favor, Sonny and Joanne did not raise their hands. Article 33, Comprehensive Plan, Dottie **motioned** to carry the balance of the unassigned account for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Gil **second**. Four were in favor, Sonny did not raise his hand. Article 34, Subdivision

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Ordinance, Dottie **motioned** to carry the balance that will be in the account at the end of the year for the Subdivision Ordinance. Joanne **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. Article 35, \$15,000 for un-anticipated expenses, Dottie **motioned** to recommend to go on the warrant again, \$15,000. Gil **second**, Four were in favor, Sonny did not raise his hand. Three year contract for plowing, sanding and salting, and removal of snow contract ending May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Yes vote. They had a discussion on why it is split up the way it is from November to May instead of January to December and Wendy said that they should wait until it goes out to bid and the bids come back. Dottie **motioned** that they do a yes vote for the three year contract. Gil **second**. Three were in favor, Joanne and Sonny did not raise their hands. Town owned properties, Dottie **motioned** to put on the warrant \$62,460. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Removal of snow on Main Street/ Tibbetts Park, Dottie **motioned** to recommend \$8,000 for 2020. Gil **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. Washington Street, snow plowing, Dottie asked if we should put it on the ballot for people to make the decision as to if they want it done anymore and Sonny said that there are people who walk on the sidewalks and if they are not clean they walk in the road. Joanne brought up that Main Street is businesses and Washington Street is more residential. Dottie **motioned** to put it on the ballot to see what the people want. Gil **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. Article 45, Sidewalks on Washington Street, Dottie **motioned** to put the amount of \$16,500 on the warrant. Gil **second**. Three were in favor, Sonny and Joanne did not raise their hands. The fire hydrants for the water district, \$44,530, Dottie **motioned** to put it on the warrant. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor. Animal Control, Dottie **motioned** to put a total of \$15,227 on the warrant. Gil **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. Traffic Lights, Joanne **motioned** to increase that to \$19,000. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor. Building Plots, Dottie **motioned** to go with the \$50,090. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Brick Town Hall, Dottie **motioned** to go with the \$24,250, Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Grange Hall, Dottie **motioned** to put \$2,000 on the warrant. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Luther Moore Building, Dottie **motioned** to put \$2,000 on the warrant. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Public Areas, Wendy asked if the overlook was a part of that and she was told that it was, Dottie **motioned** to put on the warrant \$20,167. Joanne **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. Cemeteries, Joanne **motioned** to recommend \$9,500. Dottie **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand. On the Capital Project Expenditures Gil was not able to talk to anyone about it so the Board decided to put it off. For the last two articles about the copiers and Consolidated (phones) the Board decided to put it off for now until there was more information

- The Board discussed who was going to be presenting their budgets on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Selectmen workshop and it was told to everyone that Road Commissioner would be in at 6:30, Recreation Director would be in after and the Fire Chief would be in at 7:15.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dottie read the announcements.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Steve McLean talked about people being paid for not doing anything in the Fire Department and that it was a Theft of Services and something needs to be done.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second. All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: December 23, 2019

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING**  
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December 16, 2019  
By Scott Pomerleau