

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

July 6, 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:

Ian Silberman, Brad Libby, Robin Hoose, Derek Welch, Dave Candage, Bill Jones, Steve McLean, Judy LePage, Steve Richardson, Bob Richardson, Marie Krushwitz,

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for June 29. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.

Gil mentioned the social distancing protocols and that with members of the same household it does not apply.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New Phone System: Ian Silberman talked about the new phone system and how it would be more reliable. Dottie asked him to explain some of the services and Ian told everyone that it would be a more dedicated phone system, he also told everyone that it has been set up for some of the office phones to have call forwarding to certain people. Ian also told everyone that if there is something wrong with the phones and it is not fixed within 20 minutes the town will be credited for time loss and that Consolidated will be responsible for everything to do with the phones. Wendy **motioned** to accept the service from Consolidated Communications for the new phone system. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Swimming Areas-boat launch, Scout Island: Heath spoke about discussing this with a chief planner from the Bureau of Resource and Heath was told that to set up a safe swim area at the boat launch is not possible but for Boy Scout Island if they get the swim area permit in they could get it set up. Heath was also told that the grants for setting up boat launches have very strict rules on what can be done. He also told everyone that signs can only be put up if the state has approved them or a state official puts them up.
- Camera at outlook: Dottie told everyone that she had not heard from Norris about the cameras. Steve McLean talked to the Board about putting in the LED lights in all of the street lights in town and that switching to the LED would save the town about \$4,834 and the Board told him that it would be put on the agenda for the next week to be voted on.
- Community Block Party: deferred until next week
- Video equipment upgrade: they are working on getting a proposal to upgrade the equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

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- Public use of town buildings and properties: the Board discussed needing to look at the processes surrounding the use of town owned property and letting people use it. Gil brought up that there was an article that had been voted on that gives the Selectmen authority over the town owned properties but someone told him that it did not include the ballpark and that this would be a workshop item that will need to be discussed. It was brought up that a citizen had made a comment about people using town owned property to make money. Robin Hoose from Zen Fitness and Nutrition spoke about how she has no other options then to use the ballfield for her classes and if she cannot use the ballfield Limerick will lose another business. She told everyone that she only makes \$250 a month. Heath **motioned** to allow her to continue. Dottie **second**. Robin asked what the complaint was and Heath told her that it was a past/ previous where they were making a comparison. Judy LePage got up and made the comment that this could be opening this up to other people doing the same. Gil commented that Covid is a unique situation. Marie Krushwitz read a statement on the benefit of having Zen Fitness continue. Steve McLean got up and told Robin that if need to they can use the area in front of the red barn. **All** were in favor.
- Clean-up responsibility for town properties: The Board talked about how the Custodian goes up in the mornings Monday through Friday to Boy Scout Island to unlock the gates and also to the outlook and he cleans it up if it needs to be cleaned and maybe getting an alternate for the days that the Custodian is not working. Gil made the announcement that people should clean up after themselves and their pets up at the overlook. Steve McLean made a comment about something needing to be done and how the Carroll's have been mowing the lots around the outlook and the contractor getting paid for it. Heath **motioned** to have an alternate and to have the funds come out of the contingency fund. Wendy **second**. Gil brought up needing to have the scope and compensation discussed. Derek Welch told the Board that in Newfield the beaches getting cleaned are put out to bid and the Board agreed with the idea and that they would discuss it at a workshop.
- Sidewalk snow removal contract: The Board discussed the specifications for the sidewalks of Washington Street and Main Street, Heath brought up changing the parameters of the size of the sidewalks to cover the whole sidewalk and where they should put that the contractor should clean from if it would be the white line to grass or the surface of the sidewalk. Brad Libby got up and asked the Board what should be done about the debris that gets pushed onto his property and to maybe put something in future contracts for it. Judy LePage asked how it would be any different when the contractor who does the roads put stuff on other people's property. Dave Candage asked about leasing a snow blower truck and he was told that it would cost a lot of money. Steve McLean made the comment that for Main Street it should go all the way to the end of the sidewalk which ends in the church's driveway.
- Workshops: Heath **motioned** to have a workshop next Monday night at 6:00PM concerning the LED lighting and sidewalk snow removal. Wendy **second**. Steve McLean told the Board he would get the agreement for the lights to them. **All** were in favor.
- Accept James Kent resignation from water and sewer district: Gil read James resignation letter, Wendy **motioned** to accept the resignation of James Kent from the water and sewer district. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Usage Agreement Application: Child Evangelism Fellowship from July 27-31st from 1:30PM-3:00PM every day. Gil brought up that there are concerns about the first floor but was told that the second floor would not be in use. The Board also discussed putting signs up or figuring out a way to keep people out of the first floor. Heath **motioned** to allow them

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to hold their event the 27th through the 31st on the second floor. Wendy **second. All** were in favor.

- Modem Wavs Quote: subscription renewal license for the computer system \$450 for the year. Wendy **motioned** to expend the funds for the license. Heath **second. All** were in favor.
- Folding chair dolly's: Gil brought up getting folding chair dolly's to hold the chairs and they would only need to order two of them and they are \$159.88 each, Wendy **motioned** to expend the funds for two of the dolly's at \$159.88 each for the chairs and tables. Joanne **second. All** were in favor.
- Citizens Request: Gil brought up a citizen requesting to borrow or rent chairs and tables and Wendy said that they should look into it and it was decided that they would discuss it during the workshop next week.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Joanne Andrews talked about on Facebook it had been said that she is not paying her taxes and she wanted everyone to know that that is false. She told everyone that her farm is a part of the farmland program from the state that helps farms continue on and not be taxed. As part of this program she cannot develop her land. She said that her family was upset by what was said and the kings and queens of the keyboard, what she calls them, sit behind their keyboards and bash other people on social media with no evidence of what they are talking about and she hopes it will stop.

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: July 13, 2020

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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By Gail Libby