

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Sonny opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:05PM.

- There was a moment of silent for the Andrews family having lost someone in the family.

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Steve Malmude, Rick Richardson, Charles Pellegrino, Ed Morgan, Adam Mason, Steve McLean

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for December 23. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Adam Mason, Acting Fire Chief, got up and talked with the Board about the Fire Department Budget on how he has cut down on some of the wants and has mostly just needs on the budget now. They discussed the gear that needs to stay on there because that is important for the department. Wendy also brought up paying for the certifications of the members and Adam told them that they only pay for the first time unless the reason they could not complete the course was out of the person's hands.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the updated Personnel Policy from 12/16/2019. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Gil brought up the Fire Hydrant contract and Sonny asked Adam Mason, Acting Fire Chief, about the Fire Hydrants being shoveled out and Adam told him that someone had gone and had shoveled around most of the hydrants.
- Gil brought up the LED bulbs that they had talked about and he told the Board that he had called Efficiency Maine and they told him to call Nature Conservancy and had not heard back from them, about what the town can do.
- The Board decided to have a workshop on January 13th at 6:00PM before the regular Selectmens meeting.
- Gil **motioned** to approve Neal Courtney's proposal for the Fire/ EMS study for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to be taken from the Fire Station Capital Reserve account. Dottie **second**. Gil, Dottie, & Wendy were in favor, Sonny was opposed. Wendy brought up that taking it out of the Capital Reserve account would be the best but it should not be done until

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after a Chief is appointed. Steve Malmude made a comment about the decision making process and that there are two methods which he said are Democratic which is the membership has a say in decisions and top down which is more military. Adam Mason said that there are times when there needs to be someone being a top down leader but most of the time the decisions will have input from the membership. He also said that an outside set of eyes would be a good idea but to do it right now would not be a good idea.

- The Board discussed getting a better security system, better internet, and a doorbell at the Fire Station and taking it out of the Franchise Fees and Steve McLean made the comment that it needs to be done.
- For the \$15,000 for the Comprehensive Plan for the Fire Department, Dottie **motioned** to put that on the secret ballot. Wendy **second**. Gil, Wendy, & Dottie were in favor, Sonny was opposed.
- Dottie commented on the Snowplow Contract that there is a conflict between the guidelines and the contract so she has been talking to Natalie about it to get it situated also that there are some things that need to be added as well. Sonny said that it needs to be buttoned up so do what needs to be done. Steve Malmude asked why they were changing the old contracts if they are not working and Sonny said that people are going by the contracts more closely now.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dottie **motioned** to approve to put the Subdivision Ordinance on the Secret Ballot. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Board decided to have the Porta Potty at the ballpark taken out of there for the winter because no one is using it.
- The Board set up an Executive Session for Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00PM.
- The Fire Chief resigned December 30th, 2019 and it was decided that Adam Mason would be acting chief until March. Gil **motioned** to accept the resignation. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Payment on Rescue Billing that Laura had sent to the Board, Dottie **motioned**, based on the email and information Laura sent us, that it be waived. The rest of the Board decided to hold off until later on this.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.
- Gil also brought up that there is sand across from the Fire Station for the townspeople's use.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor.

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- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: January 13, 2020

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
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By Scott Pomerleau