

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## Meeting Highlights

October 15, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sonny opened the Meeting at 7:04 PM with the flag salute.

### **SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

### **ATTENDEES:**

- Bill Jones, Ed Morgan, Steve Malmude, Ricky Richardson, Cindy Smith, Sue & John McIntyre, Heath Edgerly

### **MINUTES:**

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018. Joanne **seconded**. **All were in favor.**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- Cindy Smith, Librarian – the Native American Drumming took place yesterday with 11 participants and 30 in the audience. Sewing with Noli that the Library is doing in conjunction with Parks & Rec on the next two Saturdays for children ages 6 to 12. There is one more opening. The cost is \$5.00. Pumpkin painting this Wednesday. The 3 – 4 pm time slot is full but can take 12 more kids at the 4 – 5 pm time. 30 pumpkins were donated by Kim Proctor; paint was donated by Bill Jones, Wayne Gillette, and Sue and Paul Prior. Story Time on Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00, for children ages 5 – 10, by Luanne Romaneck. She has written a story “Alabaster the Great White Pumpkin”. The Affordable Care sign-up on Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, which is full, and Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup>. They are 1 hour appointments with Robin Bibber. The Halloween costume swap, they have been giving away costumes and people have been donating their gently used costumes as well. There is another book discussion coming up next Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 on “The Lady in the Attic”. Cindy is scheduled to meet with the Budget Committee this Thursday. In this year’s budget there was \$1,000 budget to hire book packers to pack up the Children’s and Meeting rooms but didn’t use because of volunteers. About \$50 was used to feed the volunteers. The library needs new tables and had budgeted the cost in next year’s budget but would like to use the remaining funds to purchase the tables this year. Sonny recommended getting three quotes before purchasing the tables. Cindy asked permission to use the Town credit card. Dottie **motioned** to allow Cindy to use the credit card, Wendy **seconded**. **All were in favor.**

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The board missed voting on last week's Warrant. Joanne **motioned** Wendy **seconded** to approve last week's Warrant. **All were in favor.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Wendy discussed changing to a new fiscal year. Laura found Maine Statutes 5651 (MRSA 30-A Chapter 223 §5651) that state "The municipal officers shall determine the municipal fiscal year" Wendy continued reading the remaining wording in the statute. She asked permission of the Board to continue with her research on this matter. All were in agreement. There was also a discussion last week regarding warrant articles and how they are written. There is an open ended and closed ended way to write them. Wendy read an article from MMA on this subject.
- Add a gate past the Snow Mobile Club to block access to the Transfer Station and Salt Shed. Dottie stated that if the gate is locked it will block access to the Snow Mobile Club. Sonny said there is a cable further back that block access to the Transfer Station. Joanne said that Bob Richardson is the only one who has the key to that cable. Now that the parking lot to the Snow Mobile Club has been extended the situation will have to be reviewed. Sonny and Gil will check it out later this week. Dottie stated that DEP said the gate should be moved from where it is.
- Vote to accept Joanne's Safety and Policy Plan from the Transfer Station. Dottie motioned Wendy seconded to accept Joanne's Safety and Policy plan for the Town. Gil said he had not seen it and would like to hold off until next week. Dottie and Wendy rescinded their motion. Joanne mentioned that we need to see if the Fire Dept. has one as well.
- MMA Risk Policy was signed
- Under-staffing at the Fire Station. Dottie discussed how this week there were several days that there was only one person or no one at all at the Fire Station. This has been going on for a while. Sonny said it looks like we need to hire more per diem people. Dottie mentioned it is all EMT's that are working. We only need to have one EMT the other person could be a licensed driver for the ambulance. Joanne said we need to advertise. Dottie said we need to raise the hourly rate to be more competitive. Sonny said he doesn't know why we just can't hire drivers per diem. Dottie stated that no one wants to work for \$12 or \$13 dollars an hour. Joanne said that someone told her last week that they will show up if you throw money at them. Dottie mentioned that we upped the transport stipend from \$30 per transport to \$40 to \$70 per transport and the calls still are not being answered. Joanne and Sonny both said we need to hire more people. Joanne said if they can't handle one shift how can they handle three. Joanne asked Dottie to contact Jason Johnson to see what Towns were contacted to determine the pay rate for the EMT's. Gil said we should be competitive even if it means paying more.
- Gil is recommending doing a site walk with Revision Energy at the Transfer Station on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Heath Edgerly got up to speak about the Salt Shed. Last year someone cut the cable, so he put up a heavy braided elevator cable and someone hooked it up to a hitch and pulled the

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blocks over. If he locks the gate he still has to give a key to the Road Commissioner. He would like the gate to be moved back. There is over 4500 yards of material in the yard and salt coming in that needs to be secured. Sonny told Heath that he and Gil are going to check it out. Heath brought up “turn-arounds” some are in tough shape and the lack of them. There are a number of dead end roads that they have to back up out of or turn around on private property. Heath also mentioned that there was the complaint of stone dust. He wants the public to know that this year they’ve had enough time to mix 1,000 yards of stone dust with 3,000 yards of sand. Heath also corrected a statement made by Joanne last week about renegotiating the snow plow contract and it cost us another \$30,000. Heath said the Town cancelled the bid and put it back out with more items on the bid request which is why the increase. Joanne asked what the add-ons were and Heath could not remember. Heath also asked Joanne about how the money received at the Transfer Station is recorded. Joanne gave a detailed explanation.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Dottie read the Announcements

#### **OTHER:**

- Joanne spoke with John Cleveland, our grant-writer; he spoke with DOT when we first applied for the CDBG Grant to ask if they would pave Main Street within the next year. The person at DOT looked at the two year plan and saw the Limerick was NOT on the list. Mike Gilpatrick received a call last week from DOT. They ARE going to pave Main Street. They will be starting at the intersection of Route 160 and continue on Main Street to Elm Street towards Newfield. If this is coordinated correctly it will save us about \$20,000 because we will not have to pay to patch where the water and sewer lines will be installed. John is also checking on a Gateway Grant which is now a Municipal Partnership Initiative Grant to pay for 50% of our sidewalks on Main Street. Laurie Thyng brought in a plaque from the Boy Scouts, Families and Leaders of Troop 329 to present to the Citizens of the Town of Limerick for their continuous support.

#### **WARRANT:**

- Wendy **motioned** Dottie seconded the **motion** to accept the Warrant

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Sonny read a resignation from Kathy Ward from the Appeals Board and announced if anyone is interested in being on the Board to let us know.
- Barbara Carroll would like to donate two lots just past the Overlook to the Town. This will have to be approved by the Town at a future meeting.

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### **HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Heath Edgerly got up to let Joanne know that Limerick Steeplejacks has donated their time to push the brush pile up several times.
- Ed Morgan gave the timeline for meeting with some departments on the budget process and asked about the missing budgeted items. Also a clarification of what a stipend is.
- Sue McIntyre asked why the charitable organizations are so late.

### **ADJOURN MEETING:**

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

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: October 22, 2018

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Dottie Richard

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING  
SEE RECORDING  
"Limerick Selectmen's Meeting"  
October 15, 2018**

By Scott Pomerleau