

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

**July 19, 2021**

ATTENDEES:

- Greg DeVenny, Cheryl Edgerly, Bill Jones, Sue McIntyre, John McIntyre, DeeDee Tibbetts, Lisa LePage, Dean LePage, Bernie Carroll, Steve McLean, David McLean, Stephanie Bishop, Ray Bishop, Ron Smith, Michael McLean, Judy LePage, Craig Allen, Amanda LePage, Misty LePage, Delores Floyd

6:30PM:

- The Board of Selectmen opened the meeting and adjourned to do a sitewalk to deal with an issue with an abutter to the lot across from the Fire Station.

MINUTES:

- Thorne motioned to approve minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting. Gibson second.
  - Motion passed 5-0

WARRANT:

- Thorne motioned to accept warrants. Andrews second.
  - Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Andrews read announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Medici brought up needing to sign off on the credit card authorization for the dunk tank.
- Michael McLean, Fire Department: Brought up the letters getting sent out and there was discussion on this. Michael told everyone about training that members of the Fire Station are doing. Edgerly brought up getting a phone call about the tires that are outdated and there was discussion on this. There was discussion on citizens wandering the Fire Station.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review final settlement in Edgerly vs Town of Limerick Maine Human Rights complaint: Medici read the settlement and explains the paragraphs as he reads them. Dean LePage asked about the disparaging comments by the Board and if it holds after the Board members are no longer on the Board and Medici told him it is while they are on the Board. Bill Jones asked why this is in the best interest of the town instead of fighting the issue and Medici told everyone what had happened with the complaint up until this point and there was discussion on this topic. Dean LePage asked about the cost of the repairs and there was discussion on

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this. Judy LePage asked about the door out the back and there was discussion on this. Steve McLean made a comment about this taking care of some of the problems the state told them about.

- Update on the Public safety Building Committee: Bernie Carroll gave an update on what is going on and asked for a meeting with the Board.
- Update on the Fire Chief Hiring Committee: David McLean gave an update on what has been going on with the committee. Medici brought up the meeting from the week before and Edgerly made a comment about it being a firm. Sue McIntyre made comments on the hiring committee and finding a full time Fire Chief and there was discussion on this. Sue made a comment on the hours and the \$90 an hour and how much it could cost the town and this was discussed in detail. Michael McLean made a comment on how many hours he is putting in and about where she sees the Fire Department in the future and made comments on the firm. Ron Smith made a comment about training. Edgerly brought up the posting for the job and the Fire Chiefs who had vetted the applicants and the firm that they are thinking of bringing in. There was discussion on the requirements for the Fire Chief. Ray Bishop made comments on the Fire Department and the Fire Chief Hiring Committee and on the applicants and reasons as to why there were no candidates chosen and he made comments on the process of the application process. Sue asked where they advertised and what could be keeping people from applying and there was discussion on the things that would not bring people in. Ray Bishop brought up the things the firm could do for the Fire Department. Sue made a comment about the money that the town had voted on for this Fire Chief and what people thought they were getting compared to what is happening now and there was discussion on it. Edgerly brought up the meeting and things that the gentleman from this firm had said and there was discussion on this. Ray Bishop made a comment on the contract and the officers. DeeDee Tibbetts brought up putting it on the warrant for the August Special Town Meeting and Medici made a comment about citizens who are concerned who are not voicing their concerns and there was discussion on this. DeeDee made a comment about the town spending money like no tomorrow and there was discussion on this. There was discussion on the contract and letting the people in town see it. Dean LePage made a comment about Robert's Rules of Order and how they are not being followed. Edgerly read from the posting for the Fire Chief position and about requirements listed/not listed in the posting. Bernie Carroll made comments on how the applicants presented themselves. Medici asked Ray Bishop if he thought the process was fair and if this is the best avenue to take and Ray told him that he thought the process was legitimate. Edgerly made a comment on something that Medici had posted on Facebook about resigning if he was seen with the applications and Medici responded by telling everyone what had happened and the post that had been posted on Facebook. Cheryl Edgerly made comments on the citizens voting on the firm and about Board members needing to recuse themselves because of them being part of the Fire Chief Hiring Committee and there was discussion on this. Amanda LePage made a comment about interactions that are happening being really sad and on investing in our community and the people who are here in town and there was discussion on this. Edgerly

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brought up comments that had been made about the Fire Department and other things that had been happening at the Fire Station. Stephanie Bishop made a comment about things that had been said about the committee and there was discussion on this subject. Steve McLean made comments about the money for the Fire Department and using Hooper as an alternative and there was discussion on this. Gibson **motioned** to enter into a contract with Municipal Resources, Inc to provide professional services to the Limerick Fire Department. Thorne **second**. Gibson **amended the motion** to review and go over the contract for next week. Gibson **withdrew his original motion**. Gibson **motioned** that Medici is required to provide everybody on the Board of Selectmen a copy of this contract by 10:00 tomorrow morning so that they can make an informed decision next week. Andrews **second**. Motion passed 4-1 (Edgerly opposed).

- Business park update: Thorne **motioned** to sign two deeds for lots 5 and 7 and 6. Andrews **second**. Motion passed 5-0. Medici read an email that they had received from Amanda LePage about buying one of the business park lots. Edgerly **motioned** to accept the offer. Medici **second**. Medici made comments on the building lot and there was discussion on this and putting it on the warrant to be voted on. Motion passed 5-0. Dean LePage made a comment about reimbursing Uptown Auto for half of the survey that he had had done and there was discussion on this.
- Schedule voting for warrant articles/recall: Wendy read the articles for the August 24th warrant and there was discussion on these articles. Edgerly **motioned** to approve those three warrant articles for a vote on August 24th. Gibson **second**. Motion passed 5-0. Thorne made a comment on the time for the voting day and there was discussion on what to give the Town Clerk and by when. DeeDee Tibbetts made a comment about scheduling the recall for August 24th. Edgerly brought up requesting a Public Hearing for the recall and there was discussion on this and on what is in the ordinance on this subject and DeeDee said that she would ask Natalie. DeeDee made a comment on which Selectmen had signed/circulated the recall petitions and Wendy made a comment on an email that had been sent to the Board. Edgerly brought up having an affidavit saying that Gail Libby who signed one of the petitions as a circulator had Thorne circulate the paper and Thorne responded saying that she had never touched the petition and Gail Libby made a comment on it. There was discussion on it being run by the attorney and DeeDee told everyone that she had told the attorney everything that had happened. Medici made a comment about DeeDee admonishing them for doing their jobs poorly is unacceptable. There was discussion on when the Public Hearing would have to be scheduled for. There was discussion on the legal bills and what they were for and how much they were.
- Thorne **motioned** to sign the York County Commissioners, the Assessors Return, our assessment is 175,932.88. Gibson **second**.
  - Motion passed 5-0.
- Code Enforcement Officer Position: There was discussion on what is going on with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

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- Accept Secretary's resignation/discuss advertising for a secretary: Gibson **motioned** to regrettably accept our secretary's resignation. Andrews **second**. The secretary made a comment on the Board working together. Motion passed 5-0. There was discussion on advertising for the position and Medici read the ad that had been used before. Edgerly **motioned** that we put Dottie or Joanne in as temporary fill-in until we find someone pending their acceptance. Medici **second**. Motion passed 3-1-1 (Gibson opposed, Andrews abstained).
- Brick Town Hall Usage Agreement: Edgerly **motioned** to approve it. Gibson **second**.
  - Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Gibson motioned to adjourn. Medici Second.
  - Motion passed 5-0.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on:

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING**  
**SEE RECORDING**  
**AT SRC-TV.ORG**  
"Limerick Selectmen's Meeting"  
Under Brick Town Hall  
July 19, 2021  
By Gail Libby