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January 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Sonny opened the Meeting at 7:05pm with the pledge

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Ed Morgan, Courtney Davis, Sue McIntyre, Cindy Smith, Greg Sanborn, Heath

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes of January 14 and 22. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Joe Parsons, parks and rec, got up and said, "I was asked to address about shutting down the travel team for basketball this year. We had someone come speak about it last time I was here. I didn't get to hear all of what she said but I got the gist of it. I just wanted to address that and say I did not think that it was beneficial to do the travel team and that's why I said that. I thought it was better that they do a skills and drills program. Myself I believe that you get better in practice and you showcase it in games how much better you've gotten in the games. You don't get better in the games and I didn't think it was going to help them to go play a travel league. The coaches for that team through the rec program were Josh and Stephanie Thyng, I give them full credit for stepping up and coaching the team when nobody else would but at the end of the day I just thought skills and drills would be better for them. I have a page here I don't know if you want it, does it matter?" he gave it to the selectmen, "This skills and drills program will start February 5th and for every Tuesday and Thursday all the way until April 11th there is no charge, nothing, it is all free and that'll be done at the line school grades 1-6. I did tell all the parents that this was not Josh and Stephanie's decision. I take full responsibility and letting them know I didn't think it was best for them to do the travel program. So that's why I went in that direction and that's basically it. I just felt it was necessary to address it when there were some parents and grandparents out there that were a little bit angry about it, I get it everybody wants to see their kid or grandchild go playing in games that's definitely more fun but I think in the long term it's better for the kids to go into practice and get better that way and work on individual skills and get better as a team within the practice instead of the games.
- Cindy Smith, Library Director, got up and spoke about the 1040 booklet and form.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

- None

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OLD BUSINESS:

- All of the warrant articles except for 20, 68, and 75 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The board voted on the dates for the ballot articles (Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00PM) and CDBG project (February 21, 2019 at 6:00PM) Wendy **motioned** to approve these dates. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The discussed the presentation that was made by Carl McNally from Med-a- Vision and they all agreed that they should thank him for the presentation but it was a little too soon to contract with him as the middle man. Wendy also mentioned that after town meeting the board needs to sit down and discuss in detail as to what plan they want to do.
- Joanne **motioned** to approve the request for bids for the construction of the handicap parking and sidewalk at the Limerick brick Town Hall. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The board discussed Senator Woodsome's letter to rename the bridge and decided that they would have the secretary (Courtney) write the letter then sign it at the next meeting.
- Discussing the porta potty at the lookout Sonny said that there were panels missing and that it was full. Joanne said that she had talked to Brandy to have someone come out and look at it and to do something with it. Dottie brought up having it removed for the winter and brought back for the spring, Sonny said that a lot of people use it and that it was full.
- The letter from Jensen-Baird was telling the board that the lawyer prices were going to go up and that there wasn't anything to discuss but Joanne said that they were sending it to us a year in advance in order to budget for it.
- The discussed that Gil had three potential suppliers for the multiunit systems for "Scout Hall" and that Gil just needed the dimensions in order to get quotes from each of these places.
- The board had already spoken and voted on the Environmental review so all they had to do was to sign it which Sonny did.
- While discussing the calls that had been received by the snow plow contractor regarding road drainage issues and sanding Heath said, "I've freely given my number out obviously if our trucks contact a mailbox, like they did down in the horseshoe the arm of the wing got it, we actually went there with a welder and replaced it, I mean we've been good about, if it happens, obviously its unintentional. Sonny: "I was there when it happened." Heath: "And that's not the truck that normally does it but with the drag wind and the arm when it's down it's at height. But anyway we rerouted the truck. Between me offering our phone number to come look at these mailboxes, anybody that calls you guys, you guys have forwarded the number. I've gone and looked at some mailboxes, the guy said we hit one so I went to look at it, I try to address every call, on Johnson road he said he's never had a problem, ever, first house on Johnson right beside Howard Smith and he said he thought one of our guys hit it, so I went to look, there's a little dent beside the door and I called the gentleman back and said are you sure it wasn't the guy who delivers the mail, somebody just got to close? If our wing hit it there wouldn't be a dent there would be nothing left of it. I mean it's in a cinder block and it's frozen in. I mean I hate to tell these people, neither you or I in the contract says that we're even liable, I mean the State of Maine just decimates them, it happen, it's not a malicious act but that lead to putting our telephone number out there and I've had several calls, I constantly get called about Locust Hill. I

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just don't see anywhere in our contract where 4,5,6 days after the storm I have to keep sanding these things due to drainage issues, that's the road commissioner's job, that says nowhere in the contract. Just like route 160 it's a State aid rd. you can see where the gravel is completely gone and washed across the road I mean there's a drop off and I even called the State and the State guy told me, nope the issues with drainage and the side of the road, your only job is to plow it shoulder to shoulder, we'll come even come in with a steam cleaner and clean the culvert out. I mean we spent 100 grand on Back Street and that's a constant issue, I get calls from the fire department." Heath says how it's been a strange year and how he doesn't plug a truck in if there is not going to be any snow so he has to go and start the loader and put a yard of sand in it just to go take care of the spots that need to be taken care of. Sonny: "Well I'll be honest with ya you're right." And Heath went on to say that it's never been a problem before because the plow guy and road commissioner have been the same guy and that it's neither one of their faults. Heath went on to say that he believes that they are doing alright and that they are doing their best. He brought up the fact that Massachusetts has hot top berms incorporated down the side of the road to make the water stay in the drainage system, he doesn't know the price of it but something needs to be done. Heath goes on to say that he doesn't have a guy around to be able to take care of the sanding and if he is in up north and can't get to it, who will? Heath brings up turn arounds, the fact there are not many turn arounds if any that the plow guys can use in order to safely get out of the dead end roads. Heath says, "Henry Lane and I know you said we'll deal with turn arounds as it comes well it's getting plugged up down there. There are three houses, six houses, but only three are there all the time. The woman has given me permission to put snow on the right once I get the truck turned around the gentlemen on the left he's a Vietnam vet retired from the post office, I'm not real good on names. I was down there to clean it up, intersections, bridges, and everything before this rainstorm to prevent this issue with drainage. There's one house that's vacant in the winter time and I was at the understanding that triangle, I don't know if it's a right of way for the town could possibly be a turnaround in the future, he came out and was very polite, he knows my mom from the post office and he says no we bought that house and he says the people that stay in it during the summertime he said there's only one problem you guys come in and pick your blade up and there's a vacant house but if that house burns the fire department can't get to it. I'm like okay I wasn't aware of come spring they can't get in until the snow melts they park in the neighbor's driveway. So the Carroll's own out to the point, the woman there on the right who's allowed us to turn around in her yard, and these other two houses so I've kinda had to stack the snow between Carroll's road and the house. There is still accessibility but I don't know I'm scratching my head at the whole turnaround thing. The buses have the okay on Watson's Hill." Then Heath went on to say that the town has no right of way and that there is no extended property even if you wanted to put a turn around there. He went on to tell us that there was one of his trucks that had turned around and was pulling out and had to put his truck into the snow bank because a JP Carroll truck was coming the other way and if they would have collided the insurance company would have pulled their bond. Heath: "That's an issue, Watson's hill they've signed a release form the school department saying the bus can turn around in this gentleman's driveway, he got reading it saying we're not, you're not responsible for any damages. Now he's kind of debating whether or not he wants to sign the paperwork that Dottie's help, you know, I'm trying to get signatures so we're covered." He says that those are the only roads he is having problems with. "We're also not a town that sends out any letters in the paper saying no plowing across the road. I got two up by Cindy's house, they complain all the time because that little dirt road on the hill is always slippery, there kind of the last ones to get cleaned out but they plow there entire driveway

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across the road and it freezes, unless I take a loader up, I mean the roads getting narrow, I can't move it. It's against the law to plow across the road. Have you seen the state statutes especially state roads but that's a state law for all roads." He goes on to talk about possibly putting a parking ban out there for people not to park their stuff in the road. Sonny and Heath talk back and forth about there being an ad in the shopping guide about not plowing across the road before but not in the last year. Heath goes on to talk about how he donated sand to the town and how he has to buy it from Shaw's Brother's at \$80 a yard and how he has cut it in half to \$40 for the town and has also waived the \$100 delivery fee and he stocks it and recovers it and how he has just restocked it for \$480 dollars, he gave the selectmen the bill for it saying if he has to eat it he will. Heath also says that he is trying to work with everybody and no one is trying to work with him. He says, "I mean if we have to keep going and sanding these places I feel that's above and beyond our contract and there should be some monetary value there." Bob Richardson gets up and talks about how he had been called by Dottie to take care of the ice in the culverts, he gave the board the bill for what he had to do.

- The board talked about the insurance policy for the Snowmobile club and that they need to have a certificate of occupancy which they have not completed yet.
- Sonny read a letter from a gentleman about the vault, "Site visit will be needed and it would be beneficial to get a set of plans for the building to generate an understanding of where potential problems are. I would appreciate background review, site review and report." And Sonny says that if they were to do it would end up being an engineering deal costing upwards of \$2000, and that he was going to talk to Mike to see if the other two people had sent their estimates in yet. He also talked about the fact that the handicap door can't be opened because of the ice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Gil read the announcements.

WARRANT:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the warrants. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Ed Morgan got up and said, "Last Monday night Gail Libby got up and addressed some concerns that she as a member of the ADA committee for lack of a better term and I just want to address some of those comments that she made. She started by saying she felt the budget committee was challenging her, the processes that the committee had been using for these capital improvement projects that they had been doing in the past, I wanted to insure everyone we didn't challenge anything. We talked about the processes and how they were going through to bring a project to the board, to the people, and how it all got done but we were not saying anything about they shouldn't do this, they shouldn't do that. Then she went on and read parts of the report that's up in the library regarding the overall evaluation that was done in 2007, she started by quoting the architect who said that the building, the exterior of the building was in good condition with the exception that it needed to be repointed. Then she went on and read

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the report from, I think it's pronounced Struble Engineering and their synopsis of the condition of the outside she read that it was in generally good condition with some specific areas that needed repointing around the building and she listed all of those out and then finally she talked about the CD Corp and I believe that's John Cleveland, he had contacted an expert, her words, who said only 12% of the entire 6000sqft needed to be repointed. Obviously now the whole building she talked about washing and cleaning so forth, obviously all the brick would need that but that amounts to 720sqft of repointing according to the expert. You voted on an RFP tonight, that requests per sqft pricing for the work to be done from qualified masons, so the question it, is it the 720sqft of the 6000sqft that your RFP contains because obviously a mason that is going to bid on 720sqft or give a sqft price to do that work is going to be considerably higher than having a 6000sqft job to do. So I don't know, I haven't seen the RFP, I saw the one prior to a couple weeks ago when we attended that meeting but I haven't seen the one that you voted on tonight. That would be a concern that the Budget Committee had expressed on how that process works because those'll be questions that you'll get if you don't have it specifically stated, the estimated amount of work here is either 700 or 6000. That's one of the reasons why the committee felt that there was a need for assessment, we need to know exactly what you want to do in order for someone to give a reasonable and accurate quote because if you're starting to deal with unit pricing and so forth and you really don't know, that could grow exponentially quite quickly if you have a specific amount of work and you have a specific quote on it then you've got a bottom dollar to work from. The point is on here the architect says everything, the structural engineer says some things, and the expert says 720sqft so you have a wide range of possibilities. Again that was the budget committee's concern about saying let's get somebody out there and walk around one more time and say this is what we have to do and get the RFP done by that expert if you will. SO that you can get accurate bids and total bids. The other RFP regarding the parking area you read that tonight and approved it and it includes some items that the ADA committee told us, when we met with them a couple of weeks ago that were not included I'm just wondering if it is going to be included or are we gonna take the working out Gail also said that we, the committee did not contact her, or let them know what our recommendations were or our conditions. Fortunately for us Wendy's been at every one of the meetings and she's a member of the committee, so they were represented on it and both Sue and I attended at our own volition the committee's meeting two weeks ago and the majority of that meeting dealt with the parking and sidewalk issue not the repointing, that was sort of the tail end of the thing and most of the questions that Sue had, had to do with the grant process and the writing, what that included and what that didn't include. That's why we're at the point that we are and when we ask for conditions, we wanted to let the folks know all of the information. So that they could make the decision and again I'll say it I've said it before, the budget committee recommended unanimously to go ahead with both of those projects, we had some questions' that's all, we request from the committee they're not demands. Instead of saying we want 25000 which are what you did last year; you get the plans approved in October. Then you come back and say well I think we need 15 more and we still don't have the plans completed and we're coming up on the town meeting and we may not have that information. So it could go to another special town meeting after the fact I know there was some things pointed out that I attended with you folks about the construction issues that we brought up and asked who would manage the project. There was a discussion, maybe John maybe the architect would be involved, possibly Mike Gilpatrick, now I don't think Mike is the clerk that works for the town. I'm sure he's got a lot of other things; well it was mentioned, brought up by a member of the ADA committee. So those are open questions, and we're just trying to get to a point where

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those questions are answered. I know you received a list of questions from Sue and you passed them onto the committee and we got a lot of those answered that night on it. We didn't get deep into the brick part of it, so we went back and we had a meeting the rest of the members had more questions. This is a process that we go through and you (Wendy) have been very helpful being there, as a member of both the board and committee things got transmitted back and forth, I thought reasonably well. I just wanted to make sure it's understood that we're just trying to work through the proves to make sure the projects that committee has and others get done and not have to go up and down, up and down, up and down. I've said before when you start with this guestimate and you end up with one that's twice as much, I think that's a disservice to the taxpayers because it's incrementally getting to where it would've been in the first place. They may have voted for the 50,000 if it ends up that way but to say that we're at 25,000 to start, a process that needs to change, that's all. I'm not saying done on purpose in any way it's just this is how things had been done this far. That's a work in progress you've been working on it for 10 years and there's been a lot of dollars and effort that has been spent on there. We are 100% in favor of the work that you're doing, the budget committee, but we would just like to have the process going forward. So that everyone knows what's going to happen and the dollar amounts up front and not growing as time goes on." Wendy: "I want to make clear to you something regarding apparently along the way it was like I left some words out on purpose on the warrant with conditions. Again I want to make it clear that I wanted to get clarification from this board, if it was okay and if not check with legal, checked with legal I wanted to make sure how it was written. I wasn't putting what your recommendation was going to be that it was going to be done appropriately so the citizens of this town could understand because it could be that Mr. Fluellin from the MMA said, yes I agree with you it is confusing. So you need to make sure you have good clarification, a little blurb is on the warrant and it will go on the posting warrant, which is the only difference between the two is the green sheet has complete explanation for people that attend the meeting and the posting warrant is saying this is how much we're gonna raise and it will just have with conditions, see green sheet. We want to make sure people understand clearly what they are. Ed: "Yes and you and I had a long discussion about it and I agreed initially because one of the members of the budget committee had made the motion, his motion to accept that amount with conditions, I can't say no you can't add that. They voted for it, you and I had talked about it after and had agreed, you know what we don't really need that. We're gonna get up. We're gonna leave it the way it is. I'm not asking you to change it. I'm just saying we did talk about just not having it because of the information you got back from the attorney and saying that it was possibly confusing. Well that's the last thing we need to have, more confusion." Wendy: "And so you heard me when I was speaking earlier the two articles the language changed in it. The change was moving it from the body of the article to see what sum." Ed: "Oh I agree with that." Wendy: "Because if the bid comes back on that and it's more, it comes back before the town meeting it gives that opportunity to do that." Ed: "Yeah I agree. Gail made that request last week and I didn't have any problem with that." Joanne went on to ask Ed about how much the assessment for the brick town hall would cost but Ed had not gotten in contact with anyone he just wanted to see if the board had a specific number of repointing that needed to get done. Joanne responded with the fact that they are not raising money for the assessment and Ed made the comment that they had enough money in the \$70,000 to do it and if it was 1,000 or 2,000 it would be worth it to have it done. They discussed needing an exact amount for when the contractors or architects bid but there is a meeting that they all need to be at in order to know what they need to do and what is included in the bid, make sure that everyone is doing the same thing.

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- Charlie Pellegrino got up and asked a few questions about the sidewalks on Main St. Wendy went on to answer the question and say that the board are meeting with John Cleveland to discuss what they are going to do about the sidewalks and the paving of Main St. after the water and sewer is taken care of. Charlie asked where they would put the snow if they cannot stockpile it between Sonny's old garage and the old brick town hall if there are sidewalks put in and if he is liable for damages to the sidewalks and if there are sidewalks can they still stockpile it there or are they going to have to haul it away in trucks on snow blow it into trucks, because according to the blueprints it will be parking so there will be no way that they can stockpile the snow there. He also brought up the fact that the way the handicap ramp at the brick town hall was made is that water drips off the drip edge and builds up on the ramp and ices over so Charlie and Ricky have to go and "babysit" the ramp. After Charlie sits down the board discusses the matching deal for the sidewalks that was 25,000 that they had a few years ago and Bob Richardson said that he had been approved the monies for them. Joanne goes on to talk about the possibility of paying the difference to get concrete sidewalks instead of paved ones and the fact that the DOT are not going to do that they are just going to add three inches on top of the pavement that is already there, she also brought up telling DOT what they are planning is not going to work out because of the way the road is. Sonny brought up that they had dealt with a patched road down the hill on Washington St for 5 or more years until DOT finally fixed the road and it will probably happen the same way with Main St. Gil brought up scheduling a meeting to talk to who is in charge and Wendy told him that was what the meeting with John Cleveland was for.

ADJOURN MEETING:

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

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: February 11, 2019

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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