

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2021

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

John M. Medici, Wendy M. Thorne, Heath D. Edgerly, David C. Gibson, Wade E. Andrews

ATTENDEES:

- Greg DeVenny, Cheryl Edgerly, Bob Richardson, Bill Jones, Ben McCall, Joe Parsons, Steve McLean, Craig Allen, Derek Welch, Michael McLean, Ron Smith, Judy LePage

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Thorne **motioned** that we move into Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405 6E to consult with our attorney who is present regarding a settlement matter. Gibson **second**.
 - Motion passed 5-0.
- Thorne **motioned** to come out of Executive Session. Gibson **second**.
 - Motion passed 5-0.
- Thorne **motioned** to authorize the Board Chair to execute a settlement agreement with Donald Edgerly on the terms outlined in the sheet authorized on June 28, 2021. Gibson **second**. Medici read the terms regarding the settlement with Donald Edgerly.
 - Motion passed 4-1 (Edgerly abstained)
- Gibson **motioned** to remove Heath Edgerly from the Fire Chief Hiring Committee. Andrews **second**. Edgerly commented on how he had been notified by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and that he had talked to other members of the committee and that they did not know about the request for his removal and there was no vote of the committee and the reasoning was because of the confidentiality of the candidates for the Fire Chief position. Medici commented about Edgerly posting a recording of an Executive Session on Facebook and as a Selectmen he should have known that the information was private and privileged. Edgerly made a comment about overriding a committee and Medici made a comment about the committees serving at the pleasure of this Board and that they could be removed by this Board. Steve McLean made a comment about muddying things with these decisions and asked if he was just off the Fire Chief's committee and Medici told him yes just the chief's committee. Edgerly made a comment about one of the committee members asking Medici to put his phone away during an Executive Session and Medici made a comment about recording the meeting being unethical but not illegal. Steve McLean made a comment about having the input of the committee and there was discussion on this and there was discussion on the agreement that committee members had signed.
 - Motion passed 4-1 (Edgerly abstained).

MINUTES:

- Gibson **motioned** to approve minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting. Thorne **second**.

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- Motion passed 5-0.

WARRANT:

- Gibson **motioned** to accept warrants. Andrews **second**. Edgerly asked about the land survey consultants to do the plot designs for the business park and Medici told him that the attorney had told them that the DEP work had been done and there was discussion on this. Thorne made a comment about the vault repairs for Bob DeVilleneuve and it was decided that Thorne would check with the Treasurer to make sure it came out of the correct account.
 - Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Andrews read announcements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Heath Edgerly, Garden Committee: gave an update on the potential for creosote poisoning and that they are going to come up with a test for every year and what they are going to do to make sure there is no creosote.
- Ron Smith gave an update on adult whiffle ball and spoke about having farmers market tables at the St Matthew's community yard sale. He also gave an update on July 31st and the activities he would like to have at the ballfield and asked about the fireworks and there was discussion on this. Ron asked about using grass paint at the ballfield and the Board said that it is okay as long as it does not get in the way of other things.
- Judy LePage, Tax Collector: Told everyone she is still working on the lien notices. Gave an update on the community garden and things that will be going on and that she has talked to the Code Officer about the creosote and about getting the community involved. Edgerly made a comment about artists in town wanting to decorate the fence and Judy said that they would discuss it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Public safety Building Committee: Michael McLean told everyone that they did not have a quorum last week so they are going to meet on Tuesday night. He brought up getting the application all settled. Edgerly **motioned** to authorize department heads to ask Courtney to do background checks on potential employees. Gibson **second**.
 - Motion passed 5-0.
- Discuss letter to send to other towns regarding mutual aid: Medici read the drafted letter to go to Cornish, Parsonsfield, Porter, Hiram, Sacopee rescue. Gibson **motioned** to send this letter to the Selectboard's of Cornish, Parsonsfield, Porter, and Hiram and they would need to reach out to Sacopee Rescue because they basically hire them. Andrews **second**. Motion passed 5-0. Edgerly **motioned** to hire Shevaughn Shay to the Limerick Fire/ Rescue Department pending a sufficient background check. Gibson **second**. Motion passed 5-0.

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Michael McLean brought up needing a light on the front of the Fire Station needing to be fixed.

- Update on Fire Chief Hiring Committee: Gibson gave an update on the applicants and that they had reduced it from 10 to 5 and that they have scheduled interviews. Medici brought up having a Human Resource person from another town to sit in and to have an attorney for the town to be there during the interviews. Gibson **motioned** to authorize the town attorney to sit in on the Fire Chief interviews. Thorne **second**. Edgerly asked how long they think this will last. Steve McLean asked where the fees for the attorney would come from and Thorne told him it would come out of legal fees.
 - Motion passed 4-1 (Edgerly abstained).
- Business park update: Medici brought up that they had gotten everything back from the surveyor and are waiting on the deed for lots 5 and 7 to be signed by the LDC committee members.
- Develop committee for conservation easement from article 17: The people interested had been contacted about what schedules they can work with.
- Medici brought up a request for Terry Drive to be moved into a town road and Bob Richardson said that so far it meets all the requirements and told the Board a few other things that he needs to do and there was discussion on getting something in writing from Bob saying that the road is up to specifications. There was discussion on when the Special Town Meeting to have it voted on and if it has to be at the annual town meeting. Bob brought up an issue with Prokey Drive, a private road, and there should not be a house on it because there was no hammerhead built and that the CEO and Bob had hashed it out. Bob brought up that they had gotten the permit to work on Burnham Road. Medici brought up the herbicide ordinance and there was discussion on this subject. Thorne brought up having to amend the plowing contract. Steve McLean made a comment about the blinking lights and having Bob Richardson take care of it and Steve asked about the state progressing with the 4-way stop.
- Band stand issues: Medici brought up having a warrant article for this.
- Records vault: They are still waiting on the last wire that should be done by the end of the month.
- Town owned properties: Medici brought up that they are continuing on with the painting.
- Approve and sign Brick Town Hall usage agreement and BYOB application form: They did not get back to us with the correct form.
- Brick Town Hall repairs: Medici brought up the settlement that they had agreed upon and they discussed starting to get some of the things done that were part of it and there was discussion on other things that need to be fixed. They discussed the things that Demacon had given them prices on getting some of these things done and there was discussion on this subject. Judy LePage made a comment about the ramp and sending the information to elections to see what they say and there was discussion on looking at the information that was put together from Mike Gilpatrick who was the Code Officer. Craig Allen made a comment about the front of the Brick Town Hall being worked on and still hashing out

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things to be done and that the town is still paying for it and there was discussion on this subject.

- Approve and sign Personnel Policy: Thorne **motioned** to approve and sign the personnel policy that we discussed last week. Gibson **second**.
 - Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approve and sign Rustic Taps & Catering permits: Thorne **motioned** to approve the Rustic Taps & Catering permits for Libby & Son's. Gibson **second**.
 - Motion passed 5-0.
- Sign and approve quitclaim deed: Thorne **motioned** to sign the municipal quitclaim deed for map 46 lot 4. Gibson **second**. Motion passed 5-0. Gibson **motioned** to sign the corrective municipal quitclaim deed for map 4 lot 221. Andrews **second**.
 - Motion passed 5-0.
- Approve and sign statement of values: Medici read through the statement of values and there was discussion on things that should be updated and added.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was an email from Delores Floyd on how they treated Mr. Edgerly and Medici responded to the email from her.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Steve McLean made a comment on the mowing that Michael Carroll did at the overlook and there was discussion on the contract for this. He made a comment about the LDC deed and there was discussion on the deed being prepared now. Steve also brought up the wireless doorbell and there was discussion on looking into getting one.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Thorne **motioned** to adjourn. Gibson **second**.
 - Motion passed 5-0.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: July 7, 2021

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

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Under Brick Town Hall
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By Gail Libby