

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2020

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

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

Gilbert S. Harris, Joanne L. Andrews, Dorothy M. Richard, Wendy M. Thorne, Heath D. Edgerly

ATTENDEES:

- Mike Ward, Kathy Ward, Rick Richardson, Charles Pellegrino, Dean LePage, Lisa LePage, Amanda LePage, Howard Burnham, Sonny LePage, Judy LePage, Steve McLean, Bob Richardson, Steve Richardson, Joseph St Arnold

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for June 22. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.

HOUSEKEEPING:

- Gil read the Hearing of Citizens Policy.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Mike Ward, EMA, told everyone that there are more things opening. He also told the Board that Shapleigh did not get money from FEMA the only way you get money from FEMA is if the department hires more people per shift or pays overtime. Heath made the comments that since it has slowed down maybe have Mike come in once a month and the board and Mike agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New Phone System, Dottie told everyone that she had been in contact with Ian who she has been working with on this and asked if the Board would want him to come in and explain the system and it was decided that she would contact him to see if he could come in the next week.
- Snow/ice removal at Brick Town Hall, Rick Richardson talked to the Board about the scope change of the work because it would take more work to do the clearing of the snow at the Brick Town Hall because they would not want to scuff up the new additions to the outside of the building. He told the Board that it would be about \$200 more for the Brick Town Hall. Dottie asked about how it would affect the removal of snow and ice on the sidewalks of Main Street and Rick said that it would be better to just have it all done at the same time. Dottie **motioned** to accept the amendment to the contract with a scope change and an increase of \$200 for this building. Wendy **second**. Heath brought up that he did not believe it was legal to amend the contract. Gil told him that he had heard from MMA legal services and they said that the Board can negotiate the contract and do not have to go to a special town meeting as long as there was no specific in the article which there was not. Heath

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brought up that it says that. Four were in favor, Heath did not vote. Heath brought up the need for written permission from the Board of Selectmen for the contractor to subcontract, Sonny LePage told the Board that when the previous Board had asked MMA and the town attorney had said that as long as the contractor and subcontractor have the same insurance they are covered. Gil **motioned** that we provide a letter authorizing Charles to be a subcontractor under the current snow removal and sanding contract for town owned properties. Wendy **second**. One of the members brought up striking getting permission for legality sake. Four were in favor, Heath was opposed. The Board decided the secretary would draft the letter.

- Town funding of water/sewer projects, Gil said that he has been asked what the town could do for the water quality and Gil said that the town has helped with getting grants for this project. In the next coming weeks he said that he would have a more inclusive report.
- Warrant articles for July 14th, Gil told everyone that the Board had neglected to put in a recommendation for articles seven and eight and that the attorney said that they could post them at the polls. Judy LePage asked about the people who have already voted and Gil said that it could be contested after the fact. Article 7: purchase and sale agreement for 29 Main Street for public safety building. Dottie **motioned** to recommend a no vote based on the discussion from last week's meeting and from the Public Hearing. Wendy **second**. Heath asked when they would talk about it before needing to make a decision and he was told that it had been discussed at a Selectmens Meeting but it had been rushed. Dean LePage made the comment that he thought it had been rushed and asked about Joanne not signing the paperwork and that it was not fair for the people who had already voted. Joanne told Dean that she did not sign it because she did not agree with the procedure of it and it was rushed. She made the comment that when the Board had discussed it in the minutes it said all in favor when there was no motion and that after the warrant is signed it should not have been changed and the yes and no boxes had been added after the Selectmen signed the paperwork. Judy LePage told the Board that they had not signed the warrant just the paperwork saying it was okay to send it to be put on the ballot. Heath brought up that the article just puts it in the Selectmens hands; it is not guaranteeing that the town will buy it. It just releases the money for the Selectmen to use it. Heath brought up that with the other Board members being there longer than him they should have been able to take care of the inadequacies and not go through with them. Wendy said that it was the whole Board's responsibility to make sure they were correct and that the mistake had not been made intentionally. Dave Candage asked if they could scrap it and hold off until November and he was told that they can't because the ballots were already out. Three were in favor, Heath was opposed and Gil did not vote. Article 8: \$1800 for an engineer to do a study on the property at 29 Main Street, Wendy **motioned** to recommend a yes vote. Dottie **second**. Heath brought up why they would spend the money for this if the building is sold and he was told that it is for whatever building they find. Three were in favor, Joanne was opposed, Heath did not vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Community Block Party, Lisa LePage talked about how the only thing they are doing for the Block Party due to Covid is the fireworks on August 15th and they would do it at the ballpark. Lisa told the Board that she had talked to Major Paul Mitchell and he said that police presence was not needed for it. Heath **motioned** as long as they follow the guidelines of the Fire Department and they quarantine the area off I don't really think we will need

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- police presence. Wendy **second**. Sonny LePage made the comment about having it up at Carroll's instead of at the ballfield and Lisa said that she would look into it and let everyone know the week after next week. Gil asked if it was even up to the Selectmen to make a decision about police presence and they decided to hold off until they got more information.
- Video Equipment update, both buildings equipment are due for an upgrade and they are in the process of getting a proposal.
 - Select board SOP's, Gil brought up that he had been asked who is allowed to contact the town attorney and that it should be approved by the Chairman or the Vice Chair of the Board or if it is anyone outside of the Board that they would need permission from the Board. Gil **motioned** that that be our policy for contacting the town attorney at this present time until we come up with a standard operating procedure policy. Joanne **second**. Steve McLean brought up that the Chairman of the other Board's should be allowed to contact the lawyer without permission. Gil amended the motion for just the Select Board. The Board discussed bringing the question to the Board and then determining if they need to ask the town attorney the question. Heath brought up that it is hard for him to get an answer and that he should not have to get permission. Wendy brought up that some topics in emails should be discussed in a regular meeting. Someone brought up that the attorney had said that they should not be paying separately for each Board member to ask a question. Dean LePage brought up that he is rethinking the size of the Board and that they should discuss problems within the Board. Howard Burnham said that they should talk to the Chairman to not cost the town more money. Joseph St Arnold asked that if someone emails shouldn't there be a response? Gil brought up that Heath gets a response from himself. Amanda LePage asked about policies and procedures to do with communication and Gil said that it could be discussed. Gail Libby brought up that if they are using limerickme.org emails that people can see discussions. Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.
 - Treasurer and Town Clerk/ Tax Collector positions, Gil brought up that it had been suggested to have these positions appointed and not elected and Judy LePage brought up that if they do it it needs to be done 90 days before town meeting.
 - The Board scheduled an Executive Session for July 6th at 6:00PM.
 - Workshops, Gil brought up considering the next workshop to discuss.
 - Town Owned equipment, the Board discussed the leaf blower and how it was borrowed. They brought up having a new lock put on the shed, inventory of what is in there and what the town owns, and a sign out sheet. The Board talked about buying a harness for going up to the roof and cleaning the leaves off the roof, Dottie **motioned** to spend up to \$250 for a harness and lanyard. Wendy **second**. Heath brought up that the safety belts are supposed to be fitted to size and weight and that whoever goes up should have height training. Howard Burnham told the Board that there is OSHA rules that they need to go by and it is not just the harness. Sonny LePage brought up hiring it out to a contractor because it has only been done once or twice in the past six years. **All** were opposed. Heath asked about having a total inventory asking about signs and other things pertaining to the Road Commissioner and Bob Richardson told him that he has a list of inventory that he will send to the Board. Sonny LePage told the Board that the Cemetery Committee might have some of the equipment. Wendy **motioned** to get a new lock for the tool shed, get an inventory of what is in there and also see if we can determine what the town owns that should be in there, and institute a sign-up sheet that would be in the hands of our custodian. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
 - Permission for camera on town property, the town discussed a request that had been made by Heath to have cameras focused towards the salt shed. Gil said that MMA's response was

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that it is under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen. Joseph St. Arnold asked why and Heath said it was to protect the equipment that is stored there. Steve McLean brought up putting a camera up at the lookout because of all the vandalism that has happened there. Steve McLean volunteered to look into it. Dottie brought up contacting Norris about it as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dottie read the announcements.

WARRANT:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the warrant as written. Dottie **second**. Heath brought up the bucket truck that the Road Commissioner has and asked who would be liable if it was not certified and something happened to the truck or one of the workers and Steve Richardson said that it would be up to them because it would be covered under their insurance. Both Bob and Steve said that they would sign a statement saying that they would not hold the town liable for anything that happens with the bucket truck or person who is using it. Four were in favor, Heath did not vote.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Judy LePage cleared up the abatement saying that she had gotten it on her desk and she had asked questions and tried to figure it out and snide comments were made and that she has not made the adjustment because she wants to protect the Board and herself by waiting until she knows who actually owns the property. She asked if the Brick Town Hall is done with work so she can send paperwork to who it may concern about moving the voting area to the Brick Town Hall and Wendy told her that she would look into it and make sure. Judy asked about the vault and the fire suppressant system and she was told that they are in the next stage and it should be scheduled to be done soon and the design will be sent to the Board sometime this week.
- Howard Burnham brought up needing more paramedics and Gil brought up that he will talk to Michael and Pete on personnel.
- Sonny LePage brought up having the weeds that are growing in between the sidewalk down the hill and having Sterling come and spray them to get rid of them, Joanne made the comment that she had seen someone in Kennebunk burning it. Joanne **motioned** that Gil contact Sterling and have the few places Sonny mentioned taken care of. Wendy **second**. Heath asked if it needed to be put out to bid and Gil said that they had used Sterling before. **All** were in favor.
- Heath brought up damage to people's tires during the projects and Gil said that they should call Dearborn because they said they would deal with it. He also asked Gil if he would want to discuss the Boat Launch information and Gil said that they would hold off until next week when they have more information. Steve McLean made the comment about the big weekend and what is being allowed and Gil said that fishing would be allowed and maybe to have a section for swimming.

ADJOURN MEETING:

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- Dottie **motioned** to adjourn. Wendy **second**. All were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: July 6, 2020

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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By Gail Libby