

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Gil opened the meeting with the pledge at 8:30PM.

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Dave Gibson, Dave Candage, Steve McLean, Greg DeVenny, Michael McLean

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for February 1. Joanne **second**. **Four were in favor, Dottie did not vote.**

WARRANT:

- Gil told everyone that the warrants were not ready to bring over when Courtney came so they will have to go and review those during the week. Heath brought up that he thought there was going to be documentation for the Animal Control Officer for where he went and mileage and Gil told him that he will be on the agenda next week and that he has it handwritten on the same form he's using for another town. Joanne brought up that he is still waiting for those five towns that Heath had called.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wendy brought up that she had sent the posting and green sheet warrants that are completed and she had asked for comments and the only one she had gotten back was from Steve McLean was the Budget Committee recommends for Fire Department per diems, basic \$16, advanced \$17, and paramedic \$19 and that she had inserted that on the average line on per diem payroll because there was no change in the dollar amount. Dottie **motioned** that we approve the warrant. Joanne **second**. Steve McLean, Budget Committee, said that their recommendation should be stated that way and made a comment about the add ons that the Board has added. Wendy told him that it is right next to the number for the per diem payroll and asked about the add ons. Steve said that they had not gotten the Fire Department budget and he brought up if a per diem has firefighter he gets an extra dollar. Wendy brought up it being based on a standard rate which is based on minimum wage and as you get certifications you get so much per certification and that if they bump a brand new person up then they could hurt the people who worked their way up. Steve brought up keeping in track

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with the towns around them and Wendy told him what Buxton was at and made a comment about fairness to all. Steve made a comment about trying to attract people to come out here and that they should not be \$3 less than everywhere else and Wendy said doing a statewide search and MMA they are within that pay scale. Wendy said that there is the posting warrant then the green sheet that breaks everything down and it can be discussed on the town floor. Steve made a comment about it needing to say Budget Committee and not BC and Wendy said that she would put the complete word Budget Committee. Wendy made a comment about how she had told him the numbers would change and when referencing them reference to article title not the number. Heath brought up having everyone read the new ordinance for article 12 and that it is at the Town Hall and Dottie said it is on the town website as well and asked if it doesn't pass how is it going to affect the numbers that the people will get paid and Wendy said it would get shifted back into the per diem and that it does not change anything financially and if they get a chief in there they will know what the people are worth. Wendy said that she would fix that for the Budget Committee and have it to the Board by tomorrow. Mike McLean said that whatever they set for in the budget they should leave as is and Heath asked who is we and that Wendy was the one who came up with the numbers. Mike said that Pete, himself, and Wendy sat together and Wendy said the amounts are based on the current wage with the 1.3 COLA increase with a dollar an hour increase and do out an average. Mike said that they are on track with Buxton and they decided against doing a percentage and keep it simple for 2021 and brought up the per hour thing which they have to keep track of for the state, \$15 for the first hour and then go to the quarter hour and Pete and himself are figuring that out. Heath asked a question about the \$536 that they had spent on the gators, masks, and the CDC says they do not qualify. Mike said that it is to represent the community and the Fire Department and made a comment about how many times the CDC has changed the rules. Heath made the comment about him being told that they are thinking about moving their Fire meetings to Monday and Mike said that hockey is Tuesday night and that he needs to be a dad and Heath asked about the Assistant Fire Chief running the meetings and that if any of the Board wants to attend they can't. Mike said that he does not believe anybody but the Fire Chief should run the meeting and that he doesn't want anything to be said that is wrong and that any of the members could have stepped up and been the Fire Chief and that it will be Wednesday for the rest of the month until March. Mike made the comment about the land swap and the cars parked in the post office parking lot and Heath read the scope of work from the Town Owned properties contract for snow removal and plowing. Steve asked if the per diems or Fire people got COLA last year so should they get twice the COLA and Wendy brought up a percentage and a base pay and that they cannot do retroactive. Joanne said that only hourly people got the COLA last year. Wendy said that she would fix it and send it off to whoever needs it and Dottie said that when she sends it she will make it so it is paginated and will print off seven copies so they can sign it. **All** were in favor.

- Overlook camera: Gil told everyone that they got a new estimate from Bob DeVilleneuve and it is higher than they approved because the previous estimate did not include special

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conditions required by Norris Security and Dottie said that it is \$500 less than Norris. Dottie **motioned** that we go with Bob's updated estimate quote for getting the camera and everything on the pole, for powering the pole for the amount of \$1,220. Wendy **second**. Heath made a comment about having specifications before asking for prices. **All** were in favor. Wendy asked about the phones and Dottie told her next Wednesday.

- CEO resignation: Gil read the resignation letter; Wendy **motioned** to accept Michael Gilpatrick resignation as Code Enforcement Officer with regret. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor. Dottie brought up scheduling an interview with the alternate Code Officer and that he has all the certifications and he knows Limerick and Gil agreed and asked if this would be an Executive Session and Wendy said it would be. Heath brought up advertising it and putting it in the paper to get more candidates. Joanne asked if he was going to fill in in the interim and Dottie said that they could have the interview with him to get things set up temporarily with him and still advertise and let him know and they have to set up an hourly pay until they finish the interview process. Dottie asked if they would want her to see if he can meet with them before the meeting and Gil said yes and see if he can meet with them at 6:00 on the 16th. Gil asked if they would interview him on zoom and Heath made a comment about going back to the Brick Town Hall and Dottie said that she would rather stick with zoom. Heath made the comment about a lot of townspeople being unhappy with zoom and Gil said to have it at the Brick Town Hall next week so they can have the Executive Session. Heath asked about advertising it and Joanne brought up that they need to discuss pay and amount of hours and Gil brought up them meeting at 6:00 and having him come in at 6:30.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Do we want to schedule the next workshop?: Gil said that where they are having an Executive Session and that they should not do something until they have an available slot.
- Heath brought up the tablet for the Animal Control Officer and Wendy said that it had not been ordered yet and Heath brought up that they had already approved it. Joanne brought up that he uses his phone and Heath asked how much a tablet costs and that it is a convenience. Wendy brought up that if he gets in as Selectmen he won't need it but the next person will and Gil said that he is hand writing it. Heath asked when they are ordering the tablet that they have approved and Joanne asked what is wrong with the written report. Wendy told Dottie to speak to Laura to have her order a tablet and Joanne said that they would have to increase the budget to pay for it and that it is not in his budget Joanne made a comment about the monthly bill. Dottie said that it did not make any sense and asked what he is going to fill out on there and Heath said everything a business would do and Dottie asked what is the difference between a tablet and a piece of paper. Dave Candage asked if this is software that is specific to what he is going to do with it and Gil said it is just for keeping track of mileage. Wendy said that they could use the note function on the phone and plug the information in. Dave said that if there is no particular software it is not necessary to have a tablet.

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- Steve McLean brought up the offers for the lots in the business park that the Board had received from him and Bob Harrisburg. Gil brought up that he thought Steve was going to get his contact information to Bob and he has not heard from him. Steve said that Bob had told him someone had stopped by to talk to him and Gil said that he had not spoken to him. Gil said that he would give him his new phone number and that he had contacted the chair of the committee to set up a meeting to authorize lot 5 to go back to the town so they could put it out to the voters along with 7. Heath brought up the verbal price and the emailed price and asked how long ago that was. Dottie asked what he planned on doing with the two lots and Steve said that it is irrelevant and brought up past people wanting lots and not getting them. Heath made a comment about Dottie asking what Steve wanted to do with the lots and Dottie brought up that they knew what Chad Humphrey was going to do and John gave a description of what he wanted to do. Steve made the comment of selling the lots.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Dottie **motioned** to adjourn. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: February 16, 2021

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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