

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Sonny opened the Meeting at 7:05PM with the flag salute.

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Ed Morgan, Sue McIntyre, Steve McLean, Jason Johnson, Bill Hall, Bill Jones, Adam Mason, Steve Malmude, David Lancaster, Dean and Amanda LePage, Ricky Richardson

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for March 25. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

- Bill Hall, Auditor, gave a report regarding the audit and what it contained and that the town is in compliance. Steve Malmude asked a question about why municipal accounting is backwards and Bill Hall said that a credit is a debit and a debit is a credit in municipal accounting. Sue McIntyre made a comment about the involvement of elected officials in the audit, she also asked what scope of audits there are and Bill told her that the financial audit is the one that the town has now and that it is required by the state but there are other types of audits. She also asked what Bill has for recommendations for cash donations and fundraising, she mentioned 2020 Block Party as an example. Bill told her that it would be a good idea to have numbered receipts, always have two people there to take in the money and count it, and also to keep a record of the money. Gil Harris asked if the depreciation for the equipment is lumped together or individual and Bill told him that it is individual. Steve McLean also asked how they can change the bad things that come along with handling cash. Bill said that the best thing to do is to have all cash to go through the Town Clerk's office. Bill Jones asked if the town has any written policies regarding cash and fundraising, Sonny said that it is verbal but has not been written down and Wendy said that they are going to try and work on it. Dean LePage got up and asked the Board what they could do because two budget committee members have brought up the 2020 Block Party and the accountability of it. Sonny LePage said that they would have to make that decision. John: Got up and asked if it would be a good idea to change the fiscal year to a July to June fiscal year and Bill said that it would be a good idea to.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Jason Johnson, Fire Chief, got up and gave the March report. He also asked the Board to make a decision on what to do about the Fire Station, whether it be downsizing the fleet or

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building on another piece of property. He also brought up the fact that they made a mistake and said that the trucks had been sent out for a chaise service but instead it was just a pump service and apologized for the mistake. Jason Johnson also said that the letter from the Limerick Fire Department Volunteer Incorporation Association member, Steve McLean, to the Board was inappropriate, Adam Mason, Assistant Chief, also made the comment that he did not go through the Chain of Command. Jason also made the comment that it caused unnecessary worry for the public. Sonny commented about the work on the trucks being done by someone outside of the Fire Station and Adam Mason said that it's so the town isn't liable and it is someone else's responsibility. Steve McLean made a rebuttal that the engines have not been serviced and that they need to be.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wendy **motioned** that they accept the appointee names stated and the positions stated. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Sonny brought up the wall on Locust Hill that two of the corners had been broken off the wall and that the Board should have it fixed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Joanne **motioned** for Sonny to sign the Harris letter that deals with the upgrades for the computer system. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Proposed health insurance article, the Board made a workshop date of April 8th at 6:00PM before the regular selectmen meeting to discuss it.
- Joanne **motioned** that they purchase new locks and keys for the three municipal doors and that they be bonded keys and numbered. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Wendy **motioned** to approve the Personnel Policy. Gil **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Sonny told the Board that the new furnace at Boy Scout Hall is up and running.
- Sonny brought up what to do with the Fire Station. Gil said that they did not have enough information to make the decision when this had been brought up before. Dottie made the comment that the property behind the Fire Station should be assessed and have a purchase and sale agreement for it. Sonny said that buying the land should be contingent on if the Board gets permission from the town to enter into a purchase and sale agreement. Bill Jones got up and said that the committee for the new Fire Station had someone come and take a look at the property and without building or excavating it would cost 1.3 million and that the numbers should be on paper. Sonny said that the committee should take care of the assessing and that he is not on the committee anymore because he believes that if you are a Selectman you should be a Selectman and not be on any other committees or Boards. Steve McLean said that maybe across the street from the station should have something smaller built.

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Sonny put it back in Jason's lap to get more information. Steve Malmude made the comment that the committee should start meeting again and that he does not believe that it is a good idea to downsize the fleet, but they should find the cheapest and simplest way of building another building.

- Gil Harris brought up that municipalities are fighting to get no less than 5% back from the State.

WARRANT:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the warrant. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:

- Amanda LePage made a comment about how three budget committee members are singling out the 2020 Block Party or Rec Department about cash transactions. Dean LePage also got up and made a comment about how no other people dealing with cash have been called out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: April 8, 2019

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
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By Scott Pomerleau