

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Highlights

July 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Joanne opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM with the flag salute.

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Andrews, Gil Harris, Wendy Thorne, Dottie Richard.

Dottie nominated Joanne Andrews to be Vice-Chair, Wendy seconded all were in favor

ATTENDEES:

- Steve Malmude, Ed Morgan, Sue and John McIntyre

MINUTES:

- Gil made a **motion** to approve the Meeting Highlights of June 25, 2018 with changes. Wendy **seconded** the motion. **Passed** 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Maine DOT Local Road Assistance Program form is to be filled out by Bob Richardson and signed by the Selectmen and returned to the State by August 1st in order to receive State funding. Last year we received \$41,544.
- Proposal from Joy and Hamilton Architects to finish the project at the Brick Town Hall - landscaping and pathway out to the back was signed by Joanne. Wendy **motioned** Dottie **seconded**. **Passed** 4 – 0
- Mike Gilpatrick, CEO, has been working with Steve Hamilton and his engineer regarding the Brick Town Hall fire escape. The engineer will be able to do a comprehensive study of the fire escape for \$2,500 and feels we will be able to do some minor repairs and will not have to replace the entire fire escape. The recommended repair work will be put out to bid. The cost of the repair may be able to come out of the Belvedere Grant money for the Brick Town Hall. Dottie **motioned** to approve up to \$2,500 to do the comprehensive study for the BTH fire escape. Wendy **seconded**, **passed** 4 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approve/Sign contract and deed for Map 42 Lot 84 (abutter sale) – Gil **motioned** Wendy **Seconded**. **Passed** 4 - 0

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- Approve/Sign contract and deed for Map 46 Lots 44 thru 49 (abutter sale) – Gil **motioned** Dottie **Seconded**. **Passed** 4 - 0
- Sign deed for Map 41 Lots 335 and 336 (auction) - Gil **motioned** Wendy **Seconded**. **Passed** 4 - 0
- Sign deed for Map 41 Lots 68, 69 and 70 – Joanne **motioned** Gil **Seconded**. **Passed** 4 - 0
- Approve sale of map 42 lot 248 to abutter - Gil **motioned** Wendy **Seconded**. **Passed** 4 - 0
- Gil brought up last week an Act to Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems. It is a new law that was passed last November, creating local control over small scale farmers allowing them to sell from their premises directly to the public without having to go through State regulations and inspections. This is just for the benefit of small scale farmers. A committee will need to be formed through the Planning Board. It is under LD 725. Steve Malmude asked if any of the local farmers who are already selling unattended items come under any regulations. Gil said they would come under the State regulations. Sue McIntyre asked if this law pertained to small produce stands.
- Add a link to the Town Web page to the local lakes.
- Dottie feels the Main Street Snow Removal Contract should be sent out to bid. Joanne feels it should not because of the issues we had with prior contractors. She said that the Selectmen had no control over the contract. One issue is that the contractor would not bring the snow to the Transfer Station as requested by the Selectmen. Dottie pointed out that it was not in the contract. Gil said we could put it out to bid and if we didn't like what was received we did not have to accept any bids. Dottie **motioned** to send the Upper Village contract out to bid, Gil **seconded** for discussion. Ed Morgan suggested that we get all the contractors in Town to help write the contract so everyone understands. We will need to have a workshop to discuss what should happen with the contract. Motion **failed** 2 – 2. Dottie felt that as it was already a contract that it should go out to bid. She will check with MMA to make sure how the vote should be.
- Joanne announced that the Transfer Station will be opened on Wednesday, July 4th because if the guys don't work they don't get paid.
- Joanne wants to contact the Fire Department to have the officers meet with the Selectmen to discuss possibly purchasing Kitty Swett's property and tearing it down to build a new fire station. The new fire building would then go from Main Street to School Street. The property is 80' wide by 250' deep. It might also open up the possibility of receiving grant money for the revitalization of Main Street if the Fire Department has a presence on Main Street. Joanne heard, at the Transfer Station, from a number of citizens why they voted down the \$20,000 is that they do not want it on the lot across from the Fire Station. Joanne does not want to see the new fire station get dropped. Gil asked if there is an asking price for the property. Joanne believes \$100,000 is the asking price.
- Ed Morgan got up to say that any design is possible. A rectangular building would be more expensive to build than a more square building. Ed also brought up that he had spoken to the engineer who did the study on the land and it didn't say it was a bad location it just said "this is what you would need to do". Joanne cut in to say that he had convinced half the people in this town that don't believe that. He tried to explain that he was the only one who spoke to the engineer with a specific plan and he said "yes we can do that" the reason we can do it is because there has been a lot of new concepts that they put on for filled sites how they design things now and that has changed drastically in the last seven years. So the engineer said there is no problem putting it on there the way it was originally designed. But if you want to spend

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another \$100,000 to buy the property another “X” amount to tear it down. He just wants the town’s people to understand that the lot is perfectly buildable.

- Steve Malmude felt the people voted it down because the Budget Committee recommended to vote it down. He disagrees with what Joanne said. He feels the reason is that the people saw that this was just a big hunk of money that was going to be wasted on a so called study that was vague and that is why they voted it down.
- Joanne said she would get in touch with Jason to set up a meeting with the Selectmen that will be televised.
- Sue McIntyre feels that a spread sheet should be made with the pro’s and con’s

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements

WARRANT:

- Wendy **motioned** to accept the warrants of July 2nd Dottie **seconded** it **passed** 4 – 0

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Ed Morgan spoke as a member of the Budget Committee asking if it is possible to have a workshop with the Selectmen between now and September to talk about the process between both Boards, how that is going to go and also on the timing of the budget process through the fall. When we can start, and when we all agree it need to be absolutely done. Joanne agreed that we should do that and agreed mid-August would be a good time for a workshop.
- Sue McIntyre asked about the contract with Joy and Hamilton that Joanne just signed and their costs. She was concerned that they knew how much money we had in that account to spend. Joanne clarified that the amount is for the entire project and not just their costs.
- Wendy brought up the Fund Balance policy. A slight discussion ensued. The policy is fine as written. Dottie **motioned** to accept the Fund Balance Policy as written. Gil **seconded**. The motion passed 4 – 0.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- A **motion** was made by Dottie to adjourn the meeting. Wendy **seconded** the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- **The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

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These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: 07/16/2018

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Richard

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“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
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By Scott Pomerleau