

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Highlights

October 9, 2018

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

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

Bill Jones, Ed Morgan, Judy LePage, Susan & John McIntyre, Mike Gilpatrick

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mike Gilpatrick, Code Enforcement Officer, gave the August and September Monthly Report. Mike also pointed out that a number of homes are not properly displaying their house number so emergency personnel will be able to locate them faster. It is also the law that they be displayed. Sue McIntyre asked Mike about the building permits and revenue generated. John McIntyre asked Mike if there is minimum size lettering for the mailbox. Mike responded with three and a half inches.

Judy LePage, Town Clerk, spoke about an issue with the vault and how mold set in on the books from the humidity that we had over the summer. Three different companies came down to give an estimate on cleaning. The last one did an air quality test and said to stay out of it. He also recommended that we install a dehumidifier to keep the moisture out. The moisture is causing the mold spores to grow. The spores could have been on the books from being stored in the Brick Town Hall and then in the basement of the Municipal Bldg. Judy would like to order a dehumidifier. The prices range from \$1,372 to over 2,400. Joanne recommended she find out from one of the abatement companies which one to purchase and to have it installed properly. Mike reminded everyone that we had an unusual summer with all the humidity and that has had an effect on why it has taken so long for us to get a response from the abatement companies. Gil reinforced that we want to make sure we get the right product for this. Dottie **motioned** to allow Judy to spend up to \$2,000 on a dehumidifier. Joanne does not want to put a dollar amount on it and wants the abatement company to tell us what we need. Dottie **withdrew the motion**. Mike wanted to clarify that the estimates we are waiting for right now are to clean the books in the vault and not for a humidifier.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board signed a poverty abatement in the amount of \$711.88.

Joanne opened the bid for the Door to Door Pick-up. The only bid received was from Mellen and Son, our current contractor, in the amount of \$120,000 for each of the next three years starting January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021. Dottie **motioned** and Wendy **seconded the motion** to accept the bid from Mellen and Son. Gil asked what percentage increase it was over the last contract. Joanne and Wendy answered it was a 14% increase. Sue McIntyre asked what the

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previous contract was if it was \$95,000. Sue wanted to know what the average household should have for trash. Joanne stated she did not know. It would matter whether it was a one-person household or an eight-person household. Sue wanted to know how many people were contacted to bid. Joanne mailed out 11 bid packages and advertised in three papers. Sue asked if recycling would make a difference in the cost. Joanne stated that 60% of what is picked up door to door could be recycled. Bill Jones asked since this was the only bid that came in could we table it and ask them why the increase and try to renegotiate the price. Joanne stated we tried that with the snow plowing contract and it cost us \$30,000 more and she wouldn't recommend doing it. John McIntyre asked if anyone had followed up with any of the vendors the bid was sent to. Joanne stated she called three of them. Two of them were not interested in expanding their business and D&E in Waterboro is selling their business and did not want to put in a bid. Joanne is not surprised that we received only one bid. Joanne said we will have to get the contract ready for them to sign.

Dottie stated that we need to vote on the amended warrant for the Special Town Meeting on October 20, 2018 because we do not need to have matching funds for the \$10,000 grant. Gil was asking about putting the fire station on the warrant increase the hours for the remainder of the year. Dottie stated we would need to know where the money was coming from. Dottie made the **motion** to accept the amended warrant for the Special Town Meeting eliminating the matching funds. Wendy **seconded all were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Joanne read the request from Hungry Hollow Café to have the sidewalk patched in front of their establishment. The broken asphalt poses a safety hazard to customers. Dottie will contact Bob Richardson to see if he will repair it. Sue McIntyre heard the sidewalk were going to be torn up and were going to be replaced when the water/sewer lines were installed. Joanne corrected her and told her the sidewalks will be done at a later date. Joanne also noted that our grant writer did get DOT to waive a \$10,000 fee for the work that we want to do in front of the Brick Town Hall.

Joanne **motioned** to approve five deeds, Wendy **seconded**, after some discussion, in order for Wendy to notarize the deeds Sonny's name would need to be removed. Dottie **motioned** to remove Sonny's name then sign them after the meeting is over Wendy **seconded all were in favor.**

Joanne read the ad for the Selectman's Secretary. Ad was approved, applications due in by October 29th. Joanne **motioned** to accept the ad, Gil **seconded, all were in favor.**

Joanne signed the 2019 Animal Society Welfare Agreement for \$4,040.12. Dottie **motioned** to accept the 2019 Animal Society Welfare Contract, Wendy **seconded**,

Joanne tabled discussion on mowing contractor estimate for spring clean-up at cemetery.

After some discussion the Board agreed to a Budget Workshop on Tuesday October 23rd at 6:30.

Gil discussed having solar panels at the Transfer Station over the capped land fill. Our next step would be to invite the representative from Revision Energy to do a site visit. The rep has reviewed our electric bills to see if we use enough electricity to warrant solar panels and he has

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determined that we do. If we agree to purchase the panels we would do it through a “Power Purchase Agreement” which is no upfront money to the Town. It would be done through an investor that buys the solar panels and gets the tax breaks and all the incentives that we as a town do not qualify for since we pay no taxes. It is similar to a mortgage. We would be paying the investor instead of the power company for a period of years as a buy-back. Gil will call Revision Energy to set up a site visit on a day the Transfer Station is opened.

Gil gave a report on the MMA Conference he attended last week. He attended Budgeting for Capital Improvement Projects, Overview of General Assistance Program, MMA Business Meeting, Municipal Solutions for Community Solar, How to Bring Broadband to your Community and the last meeting was on LED Street Lights.

Sue McIntyre asked if there were any cooperative purchasing agreement between Towns. She mentioned that there are ways to rent equipment more specifically with public works departments. Gil used an example of street lights. If there were a minimum number of lights needed to be purchased we could go in with another town to meet the minimum to get the discount. Joanne mentioned how she and Martha, in 2000, helped started the Ten Town Group, which is now the Twelve Town Group. Dottie mentioned that the State has contracts that the municipalities can jump on. Joanne also mentioned the Council of Governments that the Town can use. Gil also mentioned the possibility of a regional fire department.

Joanne is tabling the Workers Comp Application. The DOT application for the driveway opening at the Brick Town Hall will be tabled till after the Special Town meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dottie read the Announcements

WARRANTS:

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Ed Morgan, speaking as a Budget Committee Member, wants to suggest that the Town change the wording in the Warrants to consistently read “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate” a specific amount. His reasoning is to restrict raising funds at Town Meeting where, if a person wants to raise additional funds, the room can be filled with people who will vote to approve the increase. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ed also discussed changing the fiscal year in which another lengthy discussion followed.

Ed wants to know what the Boards definition of “Stipend” is so he knows how to handle the stipends when doing the budget process. More discussion followed.

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ADJOURN MEETING:

- Gil **moved** to adjourn, Wendy **seconded**
- **The Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.**

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: October 15, 2018

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Richard

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By Scott Pomerleau