

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2019

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

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Steve Malmude, Steve McLean, Derek Welch

MINUTES:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sonny signed the Poverty Abatement notices and forms that had been voted on in a previous meeting.
- Dottie brought up that she had gotten a letter from Neal Courtney and the Board decided to discuss it at the next meeting.
- The Snowplow Contract was brought up and how Dottie had sent it to Natalie and Natalie had made changes to it and Joanne said that the secretary could compare the old one with the one sent by Natalie and see what changes were made and the Board could discuss it at the next meeting.
- Gil brought up having an Executive Session with the Fire Chief and Sonny said that he was working on it and to put it off and Wendy said that it should not be spoken about in a public forum and Joanne brought up that they usually don't say who it will be with and Gil apologized for his mistake.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sonny told everyone about a letter from Richard McGlincey from the Fire Department who is retiring from being a full time Fire Fighter and Sonny said that we wish him well and thank him for the work he has done over the numerous years he has been with the Fire Department.
- The Board talked about the one bid that they received from Derek Welch for the sidewalks from Washington/ Main Street intersection to Prospect Street at \$1100 per storm and \$150 per sanding. Dottie **motioned** to accept the bid. Gil **second**. Gil asked what last year's contract was and it was said that it was \$600 last year. He also asked what the reason for such an increase is. Derek Welch got up and said that because people have been shoveling or snow blowing their snow onto the sidewalks it takes more effort for him to clean the sidewalks so he is charging more. Joanne asked Derek how many times last year he cleaned the sidewalks and he told her that it is an average of 15-18 depending on what kind of snow we get. Wendy asked if the contractor is doing citizens work for them then why bother doing the sidewalks at all. Sonny said that there is nothing that can be done to stop it. Joanne made

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a comment about not being able to justify spending \$25000 to clear the sidewalks. Sonny said that there are two options vote it in now or rebid it which rebidding would not be fair because we already have a price from Derek. Gil asked if businesses on Main Street had to clear the sidewalk in front of their businesses and Sonny said that they usually push it onto the sidewalk which then gets pushed into the roadways and the state comes through and takes it away. Gil asked if the town was responsible for the sidewalks on Washington because where he had lived it was the responsibility of the resident. Joanne told him it was a choice because of the kids walking up and down the sidewalks. Sonny and Derek both brought up the fact that a lot of people use the sidewalk so it needs to be done. Sonny, Dottie and Gil were in favor, Joanne and Wendy were opposed.

- Dottie asked about putting sand up at the Fire Department for the people in the town and brought up that Heath said that he would do it again but it would be more than last year because he would have to rent a truck. Wendy **motioned** to take \$500 out of the contingency account. Dottie made the comment that it needed to be higher because of transporting it and Steve McLean said that it would be taken care of. Joanne **second. All** were in favor.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dottie read the announcements.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second. All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: December 9, 2019

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
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By Scott Pomerleau