

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**January 4, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Gil opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- John Medici

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dottie read the announcements.

WARRANT:

- Gil made the comment of not voting on these during the meeting and that everyone would have to go during the week in order to look at them and sign them.

Wendy asked if they would like to have a budget process meeting and Gil asked about inviting the Budget Committee. Wendy said no this would be for the Selectmen to go through everything

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for December 28. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station: Brought up having a one year contract with Ecomaine and that they would have to increase the budget at least \$10,000. The secretary told the Board that the sound is not working and Heath brought up having new training and that they have all new equipment so he is not sure what they can do. Dottie said that she had sound on the TV and Joanne said that livestreaming has sound. Joanne said that if they went with the cardboard a couple times a year it might save \$3,000 and that she thinks they should raise the \$10,000 and sign a one year contract. Heath brought up that they knew the contract was coming new and asked who dropped the ball. Joanne told him that Ecomaine did not notify them by November 1 and Heath made the comment on how Joanne is in charge of it and Joanne said yes she is but Ecomaine does not renew the contract and that they could go to court because they did not notify them. Gil asked if the tipping fees are the same for recycling and household and Joanne told him the tipping fees for recycling are \$95 a ton, up to 18% payback if they have a market for it or they put it as household. Heath asked roughly how many tons per year and Joanne told him 100 tons of recyclables and it has to get there either as recycling or household and that she would have to use the compactor because they do not have room for another 40 yard container. Gil asked if the \$10,000 would be to continue the recycling and Joanne told him yes and right now they are paying nothing.

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Heath brought up that if they are not recycling it will probably go out curbside it won't be 100 tons and Joanne said it still weighs 100 tons whether it is curbside or in the compactor. Heath made the comment about tipping fees and the dumpster vs the garbage truck and Joanne said that if they put it out to the curb Mellen will not pick up the recycling unless it is in a plastic bag. Heath asked if they had looked into other companies and Joanne said that Casella was charging \$220 per ton and that Ecomaine was the cheapest. Gil made the comment about people in town who avidly recycle and he himself would like to keep it. Joanne made the comment that they are either going to pay \$9500 or \$7500. Gil asked what to go with and Joanne said that they have a problem with storage and if they take the recycling as household they still need to use the compactor and said to go with a one year contract with Ecomaine and raise the \$10,000 and see how it goes. Gil **motioned** that we add that \$10,000 to the tipping fee budget to take care of a one year recycling and then readdress that in a year to see if we can get a three year contract. Dottie **second**. Heath made the comment of the \$10,000 being the Board's fault and that he doesn't think that they should have to have someone remind them that the contract is up. Joanne made the comment that it would not have made any difference because if there is no market there is no market and Dottie said that last year Joanne fought with them to keep it down but it was not going to happen this year. Dottie asked if it was a year to year contract and Joanne said no that it was a three year contract and that she had gotten another year out of them. Heath said that they knew they had a year left so they should have been avidly looking. **Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.** Joanne asked Wendy to make sure to put an article in to enter into a three year contract and Dottie told her that it is already in there. Joanne told everyone that the building is done and that they are going to work on switching their electronic recycling over to it and that they are also going to put their large furniture and building materials in there but it will not be open to the public unless they want to look at the furniture but they won't have little stuff in there. Gil asked how the face masks and distancing with people in the Take it Shop has been going and Joanne said that there is no problem at all and Heath asked if they provide them with gloves or do they decontaminate the room and Joanne said that it is up to them to wear gloves because they know they do not decontaminate the room. Heath made the comment about supplying gloves and Joanne said no the people who are worried about it bring their own gloves and that it is a personal preference.

- Cash flow review: Gil said that he did not have anything for that and Wendy said that she would just like to talk about some budget items.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Zoom meetings: Gil brought up that there has been some questioning about having zoom meetings and with this new strain of virus that has come out that is more contagious that the zoom meetings are for everyone's safety that joins those meetings. Heath asked how they plan on moving forward with the Budget Committee. Wendy said that as long as everyone wears a mask and stands their distance she does not have an issue with meeting in person. Wendy brought up that it would be easier to be able to show them on a screen for this process and Gil asked if she would want to do it at the Municipal Building to be able to use the screen and Wendy said yes but they can't limit the number of people. Heath brought up that he's sure the people would understand if it is televised and for them to spend the time and meet in person and Wendy said that they will get involved with the Public Hearing. Wendy said that Gil had given her permission to contact Natalie about the warrant and that

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Natalie had sent a few changes back. Wendy told the Board that she had asked about the Covid issue and she can forward that email to everybody and that Natalie had looked the whole warrant over and gave good constructive recommendations. Wendy brought up that she had asked about the conservation articles and how there is more to it and that the Selectmen have the authority to auction off those properties. Gil brought up that it had been mentioned for them to meet on Thursday to work on this. Wendy brought up keeping the question simple so that the public can use it and that it is protected and that they have to put it out to the townspeople if they want to do it. Gil asked if everyone was available for Thursday at 7 at the Municipal Building to do more work on this and Heath brought up doing it at 6, Gil said that they will have a workshop on Thursday at 6. Joanne brought up that she had talked to DeeDee about using the Line School for the town meeting and Gil said that it is something they should look into and Joanne said that DeeDee would look into it and call SRC TV and see if they can rent a camera.

- Business park lot: John Medici told the Board that their interest is to buy one of the business park lots and construct a building that would be three to five bays and they would use a portion of it and then look to rent out the rest of the space to small businesses that would meet the requirements of being down there and any of the zoning requirements. It would be a multi-use and he cannot tell them what will be in there other than their portion which would be storage for the rental properties. Dottie asked if he was okay with it going on the March ballot and he said that it is fine. Heath brought up any of the restrictions will be Mike Gilaptrick's part and John said that he had talked to Mike. Wendy brought up the price of \$15,000 and asked about any applicable fees and John said depending on what they would be and that his attorney would handle the title work and closing and that the only thing they may have to worry about is the transfer tax. Dottie asked if they needed to vote on that and Wendy brought up getting some of these voted on all at the same time. Joanne asked if the Budget Committee would have recommendations in time and Dottie said that they would be meeting the next night and Joanne asked if they have all the information that they need and Wendy said that Courtney had been getting stuff and asked if she had been sending it to the Budget Committee and Courtney said that she had been. Gil asked if Courtney could forward the memo from John to the Budget Committee and she said yes that she would but one of the Board members would have to forward it to her because she did not get it. Joanne asked if Courtney was still not getting things that were going to the BOS and Courtney told her that if it just goes to [BOS@limerickme.org](mailto:BOS@limerickme.org) then she is not getting those emails. Gil brought up that he tries to include the secretary in anything he sends but things that go to the BOS should have the Selectmen's Secretary copied in it and brought up that she would need to be added to BOS in order for her to receive this information as well and Courtney said that she could talk to Laura about it tomorrow. Dottie brought up that there are things that go around between the Board that the secretary doesn't necessarily need to have. Gil said to remember to copy the Selectmen's Secretary when they send things.
- Overlook Camera: Gil brought up that he had heard that the pole was up and that they now have to contact CMP and Dottie said that she had contacted Norris/ Minuteman Security and that they have to put up the meter before they can contact CMP and she said that if she does not hear back then she will contact them again on Wednesday. Gil asked if it needs to be kept on the agenda or should they assume that it is being taken care of and let them know if there are any problems. Dottie said to keep it on to keep it in the forefront and Gil said that they would keep in under old business.

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- Wendy asked if they wanted to see if the Budget Committee would want to attend the meeting on Thursday so that they can go over what the Board has. Joanne made a comment about needing their recommendations on the ballot questions because it has to do with money and Wendy and Gil commented that yes they do. Heath asked what the cutoff date for Judy is and Wendy said the 10. Heath said that he would contact Steve on the Budget Committee and invite them to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budgets to review for workshop: Gil asked if there are any more budgets to review. Wendy said they have to get the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Treasurers, Elections, or Board of Appeals. Gil asked if they could invite them next Monday to discuss their budgets and Wendy said yes but if they didn't put more than the 1.3% in their budget then they should not need to come in or not. Gil brought up asking them to submit their budgets then determining if they need to have them come in. Gil asked Courtney if she could contact them to have them meet with the Board and she said yes that she would contact the Town Clerk/ Tax collector, Treasurer, and Board of Appeals. Wendy made the comment that if everything passes then they would be \$150,000 over what they were last year. Gil asked if that is before any unexpired funds are going to be used and Wendy told him that she is just looking at the expenses right now and she is not looking at transferring and she doesn't know what the end of year number is. Gil commented that it is just comparing the expenses without the total and Wendy told him that is correct.
- BTH 2nd floor use: Gil said that they would need a motion to either approve or not the potential use. Joanne brought up just going with the rules for residents which would be the \$100 deposit and Gil said the thing that was brought up was having animals in that facility. Heath made the comment about not seeing a problem with it and that they have the deposit in case they do not clean up any messes. Heath **motioned** that we allow it as long as they follow the regulations and rules we've set forward. Joanne **second**. Wendy brought up the only issue she has is allowing dogs and what could happen in the future and that it is a public building for people and Heath said that they could deal with that if they get there. **Three were in favor, Dottie and Wendy were opposed.**
- Review warrant articles: Gil said that they had put this for Thursday.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- There was a question about the articles for the land swap and the Pickerel Pond and Wendy said that she had looked into more information from the town attorney regarding those articles and they will discuss it Thursday night and some things come up that change your mind regarding things. She also said that they are going to revisit that item. Gil said that there were going to be options one of which was to sell the piece which is the job of the Selectmen, putting it into conservation, or donating it to the lake association. Heath said that he did not know that conservation was a totally separate vote and they still are learning. Wendy said that she wants a straightforward question for the citizens about the conservation easement and if that fails then go from there and Heath said then if it goes into conservation then they can sell it and it will then be protected.
- Someone asked about the broken street signs that had been damaged during the snow storms and Heath said that that would have to be addressed to the Road Commissioner and Gil said

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that if someone knows of specific signs then they can send them to the Selectmens Secretary and she will pass that onto the Road Commissioner to get those fixed. Gil brought up that it is protocol to let Courtney know about something.

- Recycling and there is no real need for it and Heath made the comment on these things coming in after we have already voted on something and the secretary told them that some of the questions that come in after the Board has passed the topic. Heath said that they have a five minute delay and Dottie said it was a five second delay.
- Comment about adding the lot for Chad Humphrey in with the lot that John Medici wants and Heath said he was not aware that the Humphrey's were still interested. Dottie brought up that she had tried to contact him and he has not contacted her and Gil asked her to try one more time before Thursday and Dottie said yes.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: January 11, 2021

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

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