

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

**April 6, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: Gil opened the meeting through teleconferencing at 7:00PM

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Mike Ward, Mike McLean, Mike Gilpatrick, John Cleveland, Al Hodsdon, Steve McLean

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for March 30. Heath **second**. Four were in favor, Joanne abstained.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

- John Cleveland, Community Dynamics Corporation, gave an update on the Main Street water and sewer project and how the time for submitting for grants has been pushed till May 1<sup>st</sup> and we won't find out until early June. John told the Board that he had talked to Dearborn and was told that if the project cannot start then they will have to take another project. He also told the Board that while waiting to see if the grant they are submitting paperwork for goes through they can start on the sewer project. Gil asked if waiting on the water would mess things up or would going through with the sewer first then waiting on the water would work. Heath asked what happens if it doesn't go through, will we have to pay to have half of Main Street put back together and end up with another remobilization fee of 13,600. He also asked are the townspeople guaranteed to get the grant. Al Hodsdon brought up that getting the sewer away from the water can be a standalone project and that they can bore the service for the water or hook them onto the old service line without digging the road up again. Heath brought up that if they disconnect, they will have to tear the road up anyways. Al brought up that DOT has asked that they not tear the road up but instead bore them or pull them through. Wendy brought up that they can't keep putting this off because the pipes are 100 years old and need to be replaced, also the state is going to pave whether we do this or not. She also brought up that the last bid was 1.1 million and it had dropped about 400,000. Heath asked if the 1.1 million included sidewalks and Wendy told him that no it did not. Al told everyone that DOT will come in after and put an overlay on. Dottie brought up having a contingency plan, taking money from other accounts like the Fire Department and unassigned and Heath said that he was not okay with taking money from other accounts for this project and how if the sewer gets done and we don't get the grant for the water we would need to find another plan. Mike Gilpatrick made the comment that it needs to get done because the water and sewer are in the same trench with only an 18inch elevation between them and if something catastrophic happened we would have a serious problem. Courtney Davis read a question from Katy Ward asking about paying a fine if the town tears up the road before a certain amount of years are up. Al answered and said that there is a five-year moratorium and there is a premium to pay to open the road again. Heath said that

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he feels like it is being rushed and Wendy said that it isn't being rushed because they have been working on this for years and it needs to get done. Heath also asked how they did not see the project being larger than the 250,000 that they had gotten before. John told him that there were three factors to that; one being the project became bigger then it originally was going to be, two it went out in the middle of the summer when contractors were busy, and the Davis Bank and Wages rates have gone up in the last few years. Courtney read the comment from Aaron Carroll that there will be new hydrants that will be installed, and Al said yes but the contractor will not be the one purchasing them, but they are in the budget for the project. Courtney also read another question from Kathy Ward about the penalty and how large it would be, and Al said that it would cost more to reopen the road and restore it. Dottie **motioned** to go with the sewer project as John proposed. Wendy **second**. Wendy, Dottie, and Joanne were in favor, Heath was opposed, and Gil abstained. Gil brought up the email that Mike Gilpatrick had sent to the Board about doing the inspections for the projects and John said that it would save the town money by doing that instead of having someone from A.E. Hodsdon to come and do it. Mike said that he would be willing to do it. Wendy **motioned** to allow Mike Gilpatrick to work on the inspections for the water and sewer project. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Mike Ward, EMA Director, told the Board that there were more masks, gowns, and surgical masks delivered to the Fire Station and there were more that got seized by customs and he wasn't sure if they were going to get them here or if they were going to go to cities that need them more, he also let everyone know that it has started to stabilize as to how many cases of Covid19 are popping up.
- Mike McLean, Fire Chief, told the Board that dispatch has been doing well with letting them know if they are going to a Covid19 call or not and that with burn permits they have pulled them for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board discussed the Waste Hauling Agreement and how it is included in the contract that commercial and residential waste should not be combined and the town should not be responsible for the tipping fees or commercial waste. Someone said that they heard that Mellen had made the comment that since the business owners pay taxes their waste should be included in with the residential. Heath brought up inviting Mellen to the next meeting and get clarification from him. Gil said that he would get contact information from Mellen and invite him to the next meeting.
- Discussing the cleanup of the overlook Dottie brought up that the mowing contractor said that she could do it for \$350 to clean the whole hill. Heath brought up that Rick was supposed to unlock it and the porta potty company was supposed to come and get it and Dottie told him that they are supposed to be coming Tuesday to get it. Heath said that he doesn't want just anyone out there to do it because he does not want to take the risk that someone gets sick and then sues the town, he also brought up that there is new human waste right up against the back of the porta potty that needs to be cleaned up and brought up seeing if the porta potty people will take their vacuum pump and get most of it in the immediate area around the porta potty. Dottie said that she would check with Brandee about it. Dottie

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**motioned** that the mowing company clean the hill for the \$350. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor. Heath asked if that was just cleaning and Dottie said that it was. Gil brought up the next step is figuring out how to keep the area from being abused and Heath and Dottie both brought up not putting a porta potty back up there. Dottie told the Board that Steve McLean is asking that the trash barrel be taken out because it is overflowing all the time, Wendy said that if we do that people will just throw the trash on the ground. Steve McLean also asked that the barrel be checked everyday which Gil replied with the custodian doesn't work seven days a week but it will be checked Monday and Friday and if Wednesday needs to be added then it will be and Heath brought up donating more barrels to hopefully help with the problem.

- Heath **motioned** to approve the Community Development Advisory Committee members. Joanne **second**. Members: William Aronson, Rich Ferguson, Sean Carroll, Lisa Huntress, Lou Cappozza, Steve Foglio, Gail Libby, Martha Hamilton-Smith, Wendy Thorne, and liaison to the Board Joanne Andrews. **All** were in favor.
- Heath brought up the dock that is used by townspeople and how he was told that it is starting to fall apart and he hasn't had a chance to take a look at it, so the Board decided to put it on the agenda for the next week.

WARRANTS:

- Wendy brought up the warrants and Gil brought up approving the previous weeks warrants and Wendy told him that just signing them will be fine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Gil read the announcements.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:13PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: April 13, 2020

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING**  
**SEE RECORDING**

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By Stephanie Bishop