

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

**March 16, 2020**

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

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Dave Candage, Judy LePage, Howard Burnham, Pete Proctor, Del Floyd

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

- Del Floyd read the proclamation from William King that proclaimed Maine as a state.

MINUTES:

- Gil motioned to approve the minutes for March 16. Dottie second. All were in favor, Dottie told Heath that because he wasn't there so he should not have raised his hand and he said that she had not told him that.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Judy LePage, Tax Collector/ Town Clerk, read the results from the Secret Ballot on March 13th and the Town Meeting on March 14th. She also asked about the appointment papers for people and the Board and the secretary told her that they would be done in the next few weeks. Judy also asked if the Board would be okay with her calling contractors for the vault to have someone come take a look at it, the Board said that it would be okay to do so. Gil said that he had some people he could contact.
- Joe Parsons, Rec Director, talked about how he had cancelled dance for the next two weeks and was going to work on cleaning the Brick Town Hall on the days that he had already booked for dance and that he wanted parents to know that they are taking the correct precautions. The Board also talked about closing the Brick Town Hall off for the two weeks and cancelling all the events. Heath brought up that at Town Meeting they were able to go with the higher amount and get the rec department more money for the kids.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joanne motioned that Gil Harris be the Chairman. Dottie second. Three were in favor, Gil did not raise his hand. Heath nominated Joanne to be Vice Chairman. Dottie second. Three were in favor, Joanne did not raise her hand. Joanne said that she will do her best to help Gil as much as possible.
- Pole Permits, Dottie motioned to sign them anyway. Heath asked for someone to explain what they are. Joanne told everyone that Bob Richardson gives them to the Board when

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someone asks for a new pole to be put in. He checks the area out to make sure that it is all set and then has the Board approve them then they are sent back to CMP.

- The Board discussed the Coronavirus saying that the library has closed and the rec department has cancelled their activities and how there are different links on the town website to tell people about what is going on the links are for the CDC website and another is “Flatten the Curve-Covid19”, info@211maine.org. Pete Proctor was asked as the Rescue Chief to get up and talk about what the virus is and what is happening with it. He started by talking about how it is constantly changing and that there is another resource for information, WHO-World Health Organization. Pete told people that they should not feed into the panic that is everywhere on Facebook. He told everyone that it is a lower respiratory tract virus that is much like the influenza and the two most common symptoms of Covid19 is a cough and fever which will happen with the moderate/ mild cases and what people should do in those instances is stay home and call their doctor in order to get advice and to not call 911 because a call to your doctor will suffice in those instances. He said that 80% of the cases will be moderate/ mild and 20% with difficulty breathing which should prompt going to the hospital to get checked out. The mortality rate of it is 10 times higher than the flu and we do not know anything about the coronavirus yet and that is why experts are concerned about it. It is spread by respiratory droplets so a coughing onto someone else or onto a surface and the ways to be to prevent from getting it is to wash your hands frequently, cover your cough, if you are sick then stay home, and try to keep a distance of at least 3 feet from people. He brought up how Italy is having to make life and death decisions and how we are trying to prevent that with the shutdowns and other precautions. For the older people in the community Pete said to try and contact them to see if they need medications picked up or any food because they should not be exposed to this virus. He told everyone that they have closed the Fire Department to the public because they are trying to keep their EMTS from getting sick and the other precautions they are taking are to keep the station clean, and if anyone is sick they can't go on calls and are told to stay home. Dottie asked him how they keep the station clean and Pete told her that they use bleach and the CDC has a list of cleaning products that are good to use. Other ways to try to prevent yourself from getting the virus is to get enough sleep, keep your stress level down, and make sure you have good nutrition. Gil asked if someone does not have a primary care doctor then who can they call? Pete said that they can call the walk-in clinic in Waterboro or Sacopee. Dottie brought up that Gorham has closed and that they should consider what to do with the Municipal Building. Heath said that there is a way that people can do their registrations for their cars online and that will minimize the contact that Judy and DeeDee would have to have with the public but for now keep business as usual. Judy brought up people bringing their own pens when they come in. Joanne brought up that Wendy's bank had closed and that they asked her not to go to the meeting to not be in public because of a policy they have for this kind of thing. She also brought up cancelling public meetings for the next two weeks and to reevaluate in April and that the Board can communicate electronically, Heath said that between the Board the electronic contact would work but what about the public if they need to get a hold of the Board and Dottie said that there is an email that they can contact the Board members with and Heath said that if anything major happens that it will need to be revisited. • Dottie motioned to sign the policy on Treasurer's disbursement warrants for State Fees and the Treasurer's disbursement warrants for Employee wages and benefits. Heath second. Gil explained that instead of needing the majority if something happens then the warrants would only need one signature. All were in favor.

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- The Board discussed the paving bid and Howard Burnham brought up using the Dodge reports to be able to send the bid out to contractors. Joanne motioned to approve the form for invitation to bid for paving and that the bids be back to the BOS by noon on April 13th. Dottie second. All were in favor.
- Dottie motioned to appoint Mike McLean as Fire Chief, Pete Proctor as Health Officer, and Rob Fossett. Heath second. All were in favor. Joanne asked Dottie if that was for a year and Dottie agreed.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Howard Burnham: brought up the porta potty on route 5 and how it needs to be cleaned. Dottie said that a company comes in and cleans. Heath said that it is overfull and that someone will have to reach out to see what is going on.

WARRANTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dottie read the announcements. Joanne also brought up that if kids need the internet because the schools have closed that they can use it at the Municipal Building and the Brick Town Hall if they do not have it at home.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Joanne motioned to adjourn. Heath second. All were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: March 30, 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