

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

**June 1, 2020**

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

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Dave Candage, Mike McLean, Mike Ward, Robin Attwood, John Cleveland, Gail Libby

NEWS FLASH:

- Gil told everyone that the town had been approved for the grant for the water project contingent on federal funds and would be \$532,912.

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for May 18. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERKS:

- John Cleveland gave everyone an update on the Brick Town Hall ADA parking telling everyone that it has been completed. He told the Board that they are waiting on an invoice from the architect that will be passed along for the Board to review at the next meeting. John told the Board that the building and surrounding it has been made fully handicap accessible. Heath asked about the hot top not matching the road and John told him that DOT had requested to leave a little room because they are going to go through with the 5/8 inch coat that will blend it all together, Heath also asked about the street lights and if they were a part of the contract and he was told that no they are not a part of the contract. Gil asked John about sending a letter to Narraganset reporting where the project is because the grant money comes from them and John told him that he would get the report letter out to them. Heath asked about the repointing of the chimney at the Brick Town Hall and John told him that the contractor had been asked to hold off on it so there were not two projects going on at the same time and the contractor told him that he could come back and do it either middle of summer or early fall but early fall would be best which the Selectmen agreed with and John told them that he would contact the contractor and ask him to put it on his schedule. John gave an update on the sewer project and how all the lines had been installed and services connected. John told the Board that the contractor still has some sidewalk and cleanup work to do and that they had 80-100 ft. less to do because there was more PVC pipe then they realized and there were other things that came up that will save them money on this project. Gil brought up that it's good that the savings happened because there were other things that popped up like disposing of the tanks that were found and also any leftover money can go towards the water project, he also brought up that using the leftover money from the sewer portion will be good because the funds from the grant may not be available to use until July 1<sup>st</sup> and John added that the funds are confirmed and the paperwork is being worked on.

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Heath brought up the Bed and Breakfasts drive entranceway and how there is no transition from the road to the entranceway, John told Heath that himself, the engineer, and the contractor can take a look at it to see what they can do. Dave Candage asked about the water project and John told him that it had not started yet but it should be starting very soon. Gil brought up needing to have another construction meeting and John told him that because they had already had one they do not need to have another one. Gil brought up a concern being the funding and John told him that they would do the work in June and then bill the town in July and there should be no need to advance any funds. Joanne thanked John for his years of service as their grant writer and for everything he has done for the town and she also thanked the town's people for backing them. Wendy asked about the sidewalks after the water and sewer projects were done and John told her that they would need to have a meeting with the CDAC committee to discuss where to go from there.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Mike Ward, EMA Director, told everyone that phase 2 of the governor's plan is in place. He also brought up that restaurants can be open now but they have to be outside and have distancing.
- Mike McLean, Fire Chief, told the Board that the first Fire Department meeting will be next Tuesday night the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. He also told everyone about the zoom meeting with EMA on Fire Department reimbursement for Covid19 and that he will be tuning into that and will let the Board know what happens. Mike brought up a gentleman going and taking per diem shifts in Limington and asked if the Board would be okay with selling the gear he was using to Limington for the amount they paid for it, \$1,900. Gil **motioned** to accept Limington's offer to buy the gear. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Mike also spoke about burn permits and how people can get them online and if they have any questions to call the Fire Station. The Board discussed the rehiring of Brian Saulnier and how Pete Proctor and Mike McLean recommended rehiring him, Wendy **motioned** to hire Brian Saulnier for the per diem shifts. Joanne **second**. Heath discussed how he believes they should hire an intermediate and he brought up since they had a meeting with Brian that he has been on 2 calls and how before he left he had only gone to 51 out of 550 calls. Gil told Heath that he should not be discussing Executive Sessions during the meeting and Heath said that if Brian wanted to be back on the Fire Department that he should have been here at this meeting. Mike told the Board that Pete does the scheduling and if you don't want to go on calls or bow out the person won't get put on the schedule. Four were in favor, Heath was opposed. One of the Board members brought up the pay raise for the Fire Department and Dottie said the surrounding towns should be asked about it and Joanne said that she had said at one of the meetings that the people in the Fire Department should be paid \$3 extra for hazard pay and Wendy said that when Chief Hooper had been there he said that everything they do is hazardous and when the wage analysis had been done the Fire Department was getting paid close to what they should have been.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board discussed the Fire Protection System and how the person who was supposed to do the blower door test did not show up because of a blown tire and had not contacted Judy about coming back. Heath told them that the HVAC system is in and functioning and told

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them that the quote he had gotten from the person out of state could include the blower door test and anything else except for hooking into the HVAC. The Board decided to put it off for another week.

- The Board discussed workshops and the decided to have a workshop the next week on June 8<sup>th</sup> after the regular Selectmens meeting at the Brick Town Hall on the Road Commissioner and the Brick Town Hall Usage policy.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Opening town buildings, beaches, and parks, the Board discussed opening the beaches and parks, Dottie **motioned** to open all outdoor public areas. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor. They moved on to talk about the public buildings and Gail Libby said that the people who do the camera work would not want to set up and take down each week at the Brick Town Hall and Heath said that he thought they got paid to set up and Gail answered back that what they get paid for set up is to come in and set up the mics and test them to make sure they are working and Gil said to just keep it with town business meetings and the secretary asked about the Research Club and Historical Society and Dottie and when made comments about them not causing any harm and being able to set up a table and not bother any of the equipment. Heath asked if the curtains had been sent to be cleaned like the Municipal Building and Dottie told him that those had been cleaned more recently then the ones at the Municipal Building. Gil also made the comment that it was a last minute decision to have the meeting at the Brick Town Hall. Dave Candage said that if someone is at risk then they should take care of themselves when it comes to Covid19 and Wendy said that people should be taking precautions to protect themselves and the others around them. For the Municipal Building the Board discussed opening the other offices but using precautions. The Board discussed the Scout Building and one of them said that it would be up to the scouts to decide on that. Dottie **motioned** to open all buildings following the 6 ft. distancing rule. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Board discussed the tanks that had been removed during the sewer project, Heath said that it is a liability for them to be in at a residence and said that CIA Salvage would come and take them away or they could also be taken to the Transfer Station so pending inspection, Heath **motioned** to send them to CIA or go with the low bid. **All** were in favor.
- Have it put in the Reporter on Friday and Shopping Guide for Wednesday for next week, Dottie **motioned** to have the Public Hearing on the ballot questions on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Heath **second**. Heath brought up not having enough time and he was told that if it goes over into the Selectmens meeting then they will have the Selectmens meeting after. **All** were in favor.
- Municipal Building Landscaping, the Board discussed the tree growing through the shrub and decided to have the Custodian cut it down and Heath offered when the fall comes that he will volunteer his time to cut back the shrubs.
- Joanne **motioned** to approve Courtney's time off request. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Mike Gilpatrick's request, it was discussed about Mike making a request for four hours of comp time in place of overtime, Gil **motioned** to approve Mike taking comp time. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Landfill Solar Panels update, Gil told the Board that they are looking at two quotes for people to come in and take a look at the landfill.

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- Request from Lake Arrowhead for new picnic tables, the Board was told that for the two new picnic table it would be \$450 and it was questioned who owns the property and the Board decided to wait till next week when they have more information.
- Dottie told the Board about the printer in the Code Office by her desk is starting to fail and said that a comparable one would be \$450. Heath **motioned** to get her a new printer for the Code Office. Joanne **second**. Four were in favor, Dottie abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

REQUEST:

- Heath made a request to see the paperwork where the Board approved the Road Commissioners pay raise for next week's meeting and how MMA had told him that if he could not find it to ask his fellow Board members. Wendy told him that the Road Commissioners budget had been presented to the Board and the legislative body, which is the townspeople, voted his compensation to be the full amount in his budget. Heath said that a pay raise should be voted on separately at a meeting with the Selectmen get a 2/3 yes votes. Heath asked for the itemized budget and Wendy told him that he could find it in the green pages of the town report and asked for Heath to present them with the question and answer from the town attorney. Heath also brought up how Wendy had said that if the Road Commissioner ran out of money in six months he would work for free and Wendy told him that that had been a joke. Wendy also brought up that if it is true that the pay raises have to be voted on separately with the Board then the warrant articles are being done incorrectly and Heath said that they are being done incorrectly then. At that Wendy ended the conversation.

WARRANT:

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Robin Atwood, owner of Zen Fitness asked the Board if they would allow her to use the ballfield or town beach to teach her classes because the state has said they have to be outside and only 10 people. Dottie **motioned** that she use whichever of those two, Scout's Island or ballfield that would work for her situation. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: June 8, 2020

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**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING  
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By Gail Libby