

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

July 20, 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, John Cleveland, Merrill Farrand, Steve McLean, Mike McLean, Robert Fossett, Tony Carroll

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for July 13. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- John Cleveland, Main Street project, spoke about the site walk that had happened and looking at the curbing that had been damaged by the construction work. John spoke about how the sidewalk in front of the Jeremiah Mason B&B had not been disturbed by the contractor during the project and if they were to fix that section of sidewalk it would not be within the scope of the project. John told the Board that Dearborn would work on the sidewalks the next day. He told the Board that the prices that he was told for doing that section of sidewalk would be, equipment and labor: \$9,800 and for materials it would be about \$3,200 with a \$.15 contingency it would be about \$15,000 and that the CDBG grant funds would not be able to be used for this due to it not being damaged from the construction work and they would need to find other local funding. He told the Board that the funds that had been raised and appropriated is \$189,385 and 25% of that being the towns matching funds is \$177,637 which would be \$11,748 over the 25% already raised. The line items that had not been used are no temporary pavement is being charged, no ledge taken out, no test pits were put in, and other various items which amounts to \$44,720 and the towns 25% match is \$11,180 add this to the \$11,748 and you have \$22,928 of local funds that had been raised. John said to the Board that the next question would be if they wanted to do the sidewalk in front of the Jeremiah Mason B&B and if they do it would be the towns responsibility and the section of sidewalk being discussed would be segregated and a separate cost for it. Heath said that John had told them that the entire sidewalk had been damaged by the project and John responded by saying a good portion of the sidewalk had been damaged and portions of it were crumbling because of the equipment being driven over it. It was brought up that the sidewalk in front of the Historical Society the granite had not been removed so it would not affect the registry. Dottie **motioned** to go forward with the towns 25% share of the grant to do the sidewalk at the Jeremiah Mason House. Heath **second**. Gil brought up that it will make it easy for the sidewalk snow removal contract if the sidewalks are 5 feet. Wendy made the comment that the funds are supposed to come out of town funds not the share of the grant that the town has raised and Dottie rescinded her motion and Heath rescinded his second. Dottie **motioned** to use the town's portion to do the

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sidewalks at the Jeremiah Mason House. Heath **second**. Steve McLean made a comment that it is the town's sidewalk not the Jeremiah Mason House's and he was told that they were using that as a point of reference. **All** were in favor. John brought up another concern of a gate valve being difficult to use and that the engineer had asked for an estimate from the contractor on getting it fixed. Heath asked if it was under the scope of the project and John told him that it had not been damaged during the project but it is part of the system and it would be an add on to the contract, a change order. Gil asked if this would come out of the funds that the town has matched and John told him no it would be a part of the grant and project. Heath said that it should be up to the water and sewer district because it was not damaged during the project. Dottie **motioned** that if the estimate comes in and we have the funds that they go ahead and do it, replace the valve. Joanne **second**. Four were in favor, Heath was opposed.

- Tony Carroll, Water and Sewer district, Gil read a letter from Paul Mann about the Main Street water and sewer project, in response to the letter Tony told everyone that they had run into complications along the way. He also told everyone that everything goes before the committee for the budget and other items as well. Tony told everyone that the only service that had been interrupted was Cool Stuff because his line comes off of Washington Street. The first complication was that there was a live main going towards Cool Stuff and no one knows what it went to, Dearborn did not have the fittings they needed, wrong rotation valves were received, and another complication was that they found a water line that went right through the sewer line that could have been very hazardous. Another complication was when they were chlorinating the lines and they flushed them after the allotted time and some of the chlorine stuck to the lines and when Aaron Carroll tested it, it was at a 2.2 and at the reservoir it was a 1.4 and the licensing agent they had been talking to about this told them that it was fine as long as it is under 4. Gil asked if it was at a normal level now and Tony told him that it was. Heath brought up the first part of the letter questioning the competency of who the town hired for an engineering company for finding underground services and Tony told the Board that the water and sewer district had nothing to do with that decision and that it was the committee. Heath also brought up that with talking to someone from the DOT they told him that they were told that the water and sewer district did not have enough help to raise the catch basins. Tony told him that they had been told to wait until the shim coat had been put down and within 20 working days raise them. Gil said that the contractor was reputable and Wendy said that the Board of Selectmen made the decision.
- Cindy Smith, Library report, Gil read a letter from Cindy Smith about what is going on with the Library.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Swimming areas-boat launch, Scout Island: Gil asked if Dottie had gotten that information and she said that she had dropped the ball on it but will get it the next day.
- Camera at outlook/video equipment upgrade: Gil talked about the scope of the work and read the various pieces of equipment that had been included in the quote and it should be taken out of Franchise Fees. Heath **motioned** of \$14,785.27 to be taken out of the Franchise Fees for upgrade of equipment here. Dottie **second**. Heath asked if that was just for the equipment or for the installation as well and he was told that the cost includes the installation. **All** were in favor. The Board discussed getting two new microphones; Dottie **motioned** to purchase two new microphones for \$288 each. Heath **second**. **All** were in

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favor. The Board discussed the camera at the outlook, whether to go with one that pans/zooms or is stationary, Dave Candage made a comment about having a good stationary camera because with the pan/ zoom one someone has to be there to zoom in, and the Board decided to wait until next week's meeting for more information.

- Land swap update: Gil read emails from Wendy for a request for information from the attorney and MMA about the warrant for the land swap being written correctly all dated around July 19. Heath asked if Wendy had gotten permission and she said that she had and Heath was told that it was Chair and Vice- Chair in the motion when it was made for the Board to contact the attorney. The request for information was to make sure that the warrant article is written correctly and in the warrant article were pros and cons of doing this. The attorney told Wendy in her response that they need a purchase and sale agreement, check any restrictions because there may be Federal or State money involved with the Business Park, to have environmental reviews done, and have appraisals done on both properties. It was discussed that the Board should have a negotiation with the owner before the vote is put to the people.
- Sign LED streetlight agreement: the Board had approved this at an earlier meeting so Gil told everyone he would sign it after the meeting.
- Chris LePage regarding driveway grade change from water/sewer work: Gil told everyone that it had been dealt with by the Road Commissioner and Heath asked if that would be billed to the water/ sewer district and Gil told him that it would be.
- Consolidated agreement: This is for the fiber at the Fire Station and dedicated internet at the Municipal Building and Brick Town Hall that the Board had approved at an earlier meeting and Gil would sign it after the meeting was over.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Freedom of Information protocol: Gil said that they were not ready to discuss that at this time.
- Sidewalk snow removal contract: would be part of a workshop next Monday at 6:00PM.
- Cleanup of town properties: Gil said that this is a pending topic that will be discussed at a workshop.
- Norton Road access: Gil read a letter from Melissa Knight about Norton Road and the danger of the road and people driving down it to get to Libby and Son's U Pick Orchard. The Board discussed putting a gate at the beginning of the road to keep people from going down it or to have the Road Commissioner come in and discuss putting a no through traffic sign as close to route 11 as they can, which is a state road. Mike McLean said that from a fire perspective that it would not be a good idea to shut down the road just in case they need to use that road to get in or out.
- Add cameras to insurance policy: Dottie told the Board that it was added to the value of the building. Heath asked about the sign at the outlook and Dottie told him that it had been overlooked but was now insured.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements. Wendy said that after the CDBG project on Main Street is done and CDBG does their audit she will be stepping back from being on any committee.

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- Gail Libby got up and said that past Boards have encouraged Board members to be on these committees so that they can let the Board know what is going on and asked if this Board was telling Selectmen that they cannot sit on any of the committees. Wendy told her and everyone else that there is nothing in the Municipal Officers Manual that says she cannot be on any committees but she is stepping back because she does not want to be accused of anything underhanded because she does not do anything that would put the town in danger. She also said that she would like to have a full audit of the town done so that it can show that they are in compliance. Gil told Gail that it was not a Board decision, Gail said that not having one of the Board members on the committees will slow down the process because the committees will have to come in and give reports and that having Select board members on the committees have been an asset but because of what is said on Facebook and other places Select board members do not want to be on any committees, Gil agreed with Gail that it is an asset and that he himself is on a committee and is not going to step back from being on the committee that he is on. Heath said that they should conduct business in the best manor they can and be professional; anything unprofessional being called out is seen as attitude. Heath also asked if they ask what the people want and that he believes having someone from each committee come in there will be more openness. Gil told Gail and everyone that the Board cannot control what is on Facebook and he believes no Selectmen or townsperson should be restricted from being on these committees and that Wendy's decision is voluntary. Heath said that personal feelings are being brought into it and with being a part of this project he believes that Wendy is being partial and Wendy replied that she is not being partial.

WARRANT:

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Mike McLean thanked everyone for coming out and voting and that they would figure out the next steps. Wendy asked him if he had talked to Pete Proctor about the budget and Mike said that next week at the workshop they will talk about it.
- Steve McLean brought up that the Fire Department needs a key to the gate at the Salt Shed and Joanne said to ask Steve Richardson and that there should be one at the Municipal Building as well.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Dottie **motioned** to adjourn. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

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By Gail Libby