

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Sonny opened the Meeting at 7:05pm with the pledge

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

Roland C. LePage, Joanne L. Andrews, Gilbert S. Harris, Wendy M. Thorne, Dorothy M. Richard.

ATTENDEES:

- Ed Morgan, Courtney Davis, Brandee Smigelski, Charles Pellegrino, Frank Carroll II, Steve McLean, Steve Malmude

MINUTES:

- None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

- Brandee Smigelski from Potties R Us came and talked to the board about the port-a-potty out on the route 5 lookout and how it had been vandalized and broken to the point that they had to throw away a \$3500 unit. She also wanted to know how the selectmen wanted to proceed with the issue that is having one or not, or what kind to have. Brandee talked about how her insurance comes with a \$1000 deductible for covering the port-a-potties and how every time one gets damaged. She also spoke about how from a business point of view she does not want to pay \$1000 just to wait for it to be damaged again. Brandee brought up the option of the town buying a unit and Potties R Us servicing it, that way the towns insurance will cover it and it does not fall on Brandee and her company to have to continue to pay. Another question asked was does it need to be there during winter months? Brandee said that winter months are the hardest because there are restrictions as to what you can put into it to keep from freezing and it is hard to pump it because it does freeze. Steve Malmude asked what had happened and Sonny and Brandee went on to explain that the port-a-potty had gotten destroyed: the walls had been kicked out, someone ran into it with a vehicle, the door had to be replaced because it had been kicked out, it had been egged, the hinges for the door had to be replaced five times and they finally replaced the plastic ones with metal ones that they had to weld to it, the toilet paper dispenser had been ripped off the wall multiple times, they can't keep hand sanitizer in it because it would get stolen as soon as it was put in, it had to be reinforced with strapping to make it more secure, Steve McLean also brought up that someone had thrown a boulder/ big rock right down through the seat, and various other vandalisms had been done. Dottie brought up maybe only having it up there from May 15-November 15 so that it would take care of the summer months and the major holidays and there is no need to have it up there in the dead of winter, but Sonny retorted with the fact that when it got destroyed it was full. Gil had asked if there was any reason to have a handicapped one and Sonny agreed that there was no reason to have a handicapped one and that they could try having one of the standard ones up there.

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Brandee also mention that the standard ones are easier to maintain and they only cost 490 instead of 3500 and the only thing that makes the handicapped one handicapped is the fact that the seat is lower than the one in the standard size, the handicapped one also fills up faster because the depth of the hopper is smaller than the one in the standard size. Gil asked if there were any ADA issues, there are no ADA issues but the Carroll's had wanted it that way, so it was a request not a requirement. Joanne brought up paying the \$1000 deductible. Sonny said to pay only \$500 because the \$1000 deductible was their choice and he thought it was fair for us to pay \$500 and for them to pay \$500. Frank Carroll II got up and said that the property was given to the town as is and it had been improved by the town by adding things like a bench and so forth. When it had been given as is it had the ADA handicapped port-a-potty, the town assumed responsibility to maintain it and in the last 2-3 years it has been more vandalized than before. Brandee had asked him if it had been maintained daily and he had answered that it had not been but they had spent time up there. Frank said that he thinks the town has a responsibility to finance it and it should not be on Brandee to lose money servicing something and losing thousands of dollars. Brandee said: "That's the reason why we don't want our sticker on that unit I don't want people to think that's what my company is because it's horrific." Frank brought up putting a camera up there and he asked if anyone had told the sheriff's department what was going on, he also said that he thinks that the town can find the money to fund this and that it is an asset to the community. And the fact that we have a lookout that has not been closed and it is a nice place for people to pull over and look at the scenery. McLean also spoke about the fact that there are beer cans and bottles all over the place and that the town should put some pile on in front of the port-a-potty to keep vehicles from hitting it. He also said that the town should buy one and have Potties R Us service it. McLean also mentioned that this same thing had happened at Boy Scout and they put cameras there. Maybe close the lookout for winter. Wendy **motioned** that they pay the \$1000 deductible for the port-a-potty because the town is responsible for it because they pay a rental fee and they are responsible for that piece of property. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor. The board talked about swapping the handicap one out for a regular during winter but Frank said that he wouldn't want to see the town in trouble for discrimination and McLean said that it needs to be a handicapped one because it is town property. They talked about what could be done and were able to figure out that Frank would be okay with a non ADA handicap port-a-potty which costs \$1200 and to retrofit it with a toilet paper dispenser which is about 25 and toilet paper that they could leave the extras with the town which is a box of 12 for about 22. Joanne **motioned** to purchase a non ADA handicap unit for \$1200 and the additional fee to retrofit it and have Potties R Us service it. Sonny **second**. Gil asked if it would be taken out of the contingency fund and the selectmen would pay for it and Joanne said that we would just have to adjust for next year's budget. **All** were in favor. Brandee told the board that they had the unit ready and in the yard so they can drop it off ASAP and they would just be billed for the service fee and that Rick would have to help because he has the chains to chain it down.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sonny read the letter from the board to Senator Woodsome and the secretary had to fix it, but after it had been fixed. Joanne **motioned** to approve the letter and scan and email it. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.

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- Joanne **motioned** to approve the ad for the ballot questions. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Joanne **motioned** to pay for Courtney to become a notary public. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Joanne **motioned** to sign the deeds for map 42 lots 272-273 and Map 46 lots 24-26. Gil **second** **All** were in favor. I signed as a witness.
- They discussed the end of the year report for the selectmen and Wendy said that she would come up with some highlights, Gil brought up that this is the first time that there are five people on the board.
- Gil **motioned** to allow the historical society to use the media room on June 20 and October 17 and to have town authorized personnel operate the equipment. Wendy **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Joanne **motioned** to sign the 17 uncollectibles. Wendy **second**. Gil asked what had determined those uncollectibles and Sonny said that they had been chased down; Joanne also said that they had been discussed with the auditor as well. **All** were in favor. Steve Malmude asked what happened with them. Joanne said that it's like writing off a bad debt and Dottie said that the properties had been sold.
- They discussed a capital improvements committee and Wendy said that she was putting together a PowerPoint. Also that it would be for going through capital improvement planning and also going through the assets the town has and what their useful life would be, an example being the computers. It would be a committee of 5-7 people, one select person, one budget committee member and others who would want to be on the committee.
- Joanne talked about information that she had found out about charging the town for recycling because no one is buying it but they cannot charge us because we are under contract with Ecomaine. There is also a survey for people to fill out to see how they feel about recycling. Members from the board had been invited to meet with the Waterboro administrator who takes care of the roads and the transfer station about getting the two towns together to do our own plowing. The two dates that the board had picked out were March 5th and March 12th at 5:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

WARRANT:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the warrants. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor. Except for the one that Joanne put a note on for Laura.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn at 8:10PM. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: February 11, 2019

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Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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