

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2020

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

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

- Rick Richardson, Steve McLean, Brad Libby, Steve Malmude, Gail Libby, Peter Proctor, Adam Mason, Howard Burnham

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for February 10. Gil **second**. Joanne made the comment to scratch out her name because she was not at the meeting. Four were in favor; Joanne did not raise her hand.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Adam Mason, Acting Fire Chief, talked about the personal property reimbursement requests that he had submitted for Morgan Wass' phone and Andrew Poole's glasses and how he believes that they should be reimbursed because they were on the job when their property got destroyed. He told the Board that the Fire Department at their meeting discussed and said that there are three things, one, that it can be a slippery slope setting the precedent, that it would have to be a case by case basis with personal property, and that it was not Morgan's fault and she shouldn't bear the cost of it and that the town should reimburse her. Dottie asked for the minutes from that meeting and Adam sent them to the Board. Wendy said that she had talked to someone in legal at MMA and they said that it would cause undue burden for the townspeople to be responsible for personal property and it is not sanctioned by the town to use personal property on the job. Joanne brought up that she had to replace her tires when they were slashed at the Municipal Building and Sonny said that the town should have bought the new tires for Joanne. Adam told the Board that he had talked to someone at MMA and because the phone would be under the \$1000 deductible they couldn't do anything about it. Steve Malmude brought up that with cellphones the Fire Department can be more effective because as Adam points out they get the call on their cellphones before the alert that there is a call. Sonny brought up that the good thing about the Fire Department using their personal cellphones is that the town does not have to pay for them. Adam also brought up how Andrew Poole's glasses should be looked at as an injury according to the Employee Guidebook. Dottie brought up that they should table it until they have had time to talk to other towns about what they would do. Sonny **motioned** to pay for both the glasses and the cellphone. Brad Libby makes a comment on how it is not really a big deal when the people working at the Fire Department are saving lives or property and that they should reimburse the girl for the phone. He also said that maybe they should have a policy for this and if they have to fiddle with securing the phone it could mean an extra minute that they could be getting somewhere to save someone and he made the comment that they could be

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coming to your house next. Wendy said that she took that as a threat and Brad apologized and said that in no way was that a threat and Wendy accepted his apology. Joanne **motioned** to table it until the week after next. Gil **second**. Four were in favor; Dottie did not raise her hand.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board discussed the Brick Town Hall windows and Sonny said that there is a little bit of air coming in and Dottie brought up putting some foam there to fix the situation for now and Sonny said it would not be a good idea because it would gum up the tracks. Steve Malmude made the comment about using weather stripping and Sonny told him that there would still be foam involved. Gail Libby said that her committee has it on their agenda to discuss.
- Wendy brought up the warrant and how the article for the \$35,000 for the vault is being moved from 76 to 30 and that there is an article 29 being involved that reads To see if the town will vote to expend up to 50,000 from the unassigned account to fund the cost of litigation related to the records storage vault building and the recovery of costs for the same. Joanne **motioned** to recommend as written. Sonny **second**. Joanne, Wendy, and Sonny were in favor, Gil and Dottie did not raise their hands. The Board discussed needing a recommendation from the Budget Committee and Sonny said to let them figure out when to meet to vote on it. Steve Malmude asked if during the winter it sits there or rises and falls. Sonny said that the ramp was throwing the building and Joanne brought up that the doors pistons do not work anymore and the front shakes back and forth. Sonny said that the contractor had us get another engineer to look at it and he found several things wrong with it. Steve Malmude said that he believes that if they go to court they will lose.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discuss letter from MDOT, the Board decided to leave it for now. Howard Burnham brought up that the DOT had been waiting to hear from the Board about when to meet up about the intersection where Burnham Rd, Range E Rd and Route 5 meet and the Board told him that they had been waiting to hear back from them and that Howard could set up a time.
- The Board discussed with Peter Proctor about the shoveling of the fire hydrants and Peter said that he does not like speaking for other people but Adam seems to think that the per diems are too valuable to have them getting hurt while shoveling out the fire hydrants. Sonny brought up that every Fire Department in the North East are shoveling out the fire hydrants and that if there are per diems who have down time they can go and shovel a hydrant or two which Wendy agreed with. Gil brought up that the Board is not asking them to do anything new. Dottie brought up that Mike Gilpatrick had gotten a call from someone from the water district willing to volunteer to do it and maybe they should put out the word for volunteers to shovel them out.
- Wendy **motioned** to sign the abatements for accounts 2469 and 2470. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Sonny signed the Fixed Asset agreement with RHR Smith after having voted on it at an earlier meeting.
- Joanne **motioned** to sign the agreement with Community Dynamics based on his three page contract. Wendy **second**. Four were in favor; Sonny did not raise his hand.

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- Joanne brought up that the DEP is requesting the Solid Waste report by April 30th and that she got a call from Augusta about the LD1210 to make packaging for products more concise and that she will be going to testify that online purchases have gone up and right now cardboard is free but it could turn into \$35-\$50 a ton to have taken away. Gil brought up that this will make the manufacturers share in the costs. Steve Malmude made a comment about not it just being the packages being delivered but also the marketing of items as well.

WARRANT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: March 9, 2020

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
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By Gail Libby