

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Highlights**

**October 29, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sonny opened the Meeting at 7:06 PM with the flag salute.

**SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ATTENDEES:**

- Bill Jones, Ed Morgan, Steve Malmude, Sue & John McIntyre, Dean, Lisa and Amanda LePage, Cindy Smith, Judy LePage, Heath Edgerly

**MINUTES:**

- Joanne **motioned** to approve the minutes of October 22, 2018, Wendy **seconded**. All were in favor

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- Judy LePage spoke about the mold issue in the vault. Mike Gilpatrick called three companies to get quotes but only one showed up and submitted one. The others don't do this area. W. H. Demons' quote was to supply and install one dehumidifier to replace air exchange ventilator. They will also furnish and install a new heat pump to replace the existing Pioneer System in the vault. He feels the current unit is not duct properly. The price for the dehumidifier is \$14,800 and an additional cost to replace the heat pump. There are also three bids to clean the mold in the vault. The first is from Abatement Professionals. They were the highest but after Judy and Mike looked over all the quotes Abatement Professionals were the only ones that appeared to do a complete job. Their price is \$5,525.00. ServPro's quote should not exceed \$5,000.00. The quote from the third company, Octagon Cleaning and Restoration, was \$2,998 and said the work would be done in 1 – 2 days which only included cleaning the walls and ceiling and no mention of the materials. Judy questioned whether we will need to have a Special Town Meeting to take the money from Capital Reserve Account. Dean LePage asked if the building was designed for historic preservation of records. Sonny said that was the idea. Dean then said it was reasonable to assume that if the building was designed for the preservation of historical documents it would include the temperature, heating, cooling, etc., etc. So it must be in the contract that whatever design was put in there would work. So Dean does not think it is fair for the taxpayers to be hit with upwards of a \$20,000 bill. Sonny said that we will need to deal with this probably immediately and then at the end we will let the chips fall as they may.
- Judy then notified the Board that she and Dee Dee were supposed to be closed tomorrow morning for a Motor Vehicle Workshop but they have been out straight between absentee

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voting and taxes they will be open. She also clarified the confusion on absentee ballots or “early voting” and that it is still going on. It stops November 1<sup>st</sup> but you can still vote absentee under “special circumstances” until voting day. Judy will be going to the Budget Committee this Thursday and wanted to explain the Deputy hours and even though she was shared with the Treasurer her hours will not be changed. She hasn’t done anything for Laura for a couple of months. She was working five hours for Laura and the rest with Judy. She doesn’t want to cut her hours back.

- Heath Edgerly came up to speak about the Salt contract. He is currently out of salt. He said he spoke with a person from Illinois that said a letter/email was sent to the Town and they had no response from the Town. The person Greg/Heath spoke with set things up so they can place an order but they will be sending the Town the paperwork again that the Town needs to sign off on. The gate was the next topic Heath wants to know how the Board wants to handle that. Sonny asked if we took some of the cement barriers and set them down in a couple of feet. Heath said the problem is a couple of feet of snow on them you will lose sight of them because they are only three feet tall. Sonny said maybe we can get a couple of taller ones. Heath thinks that FR Carroll may have six foot ones. Heath feels that anything that can be anchored to the ground should work. Sonny feels that putting them a few feet in the ground and the ground freezing will hold better. Heath does not want to do anything without the Towns approval. He will get a piece of beam and not charge the Town to install it and give a set of keys to the Town. Joanne told Heath to look at the back side of the cap to see if there are two pieces of steel that he can use. Sonny said he was in approval. Lastly Heath and Greg took a ride around Town for turn arounds. He said he could not find any ordinance on turn arounds so it looks like it goes back to the State as a “guideline” of having to be a certain width, distance from the road, a certain radius. He said it is not just for us but the school buses, the fire department, anybody. He offered anyone to go for a ride. He said some of the troubled areas are Watson Hill Road and Sedgley. He wants to know if the Town has in writing that in the private areas where they turn around and might cause damage on the property that the owners will not come after the Town or contractor. The Bonding company said they are on their own once they leave the road. Sonny said he doubted it. He said there are a lot of safety issues because of the lack of turn arounds. Heath left the list of dead end roads with the Board to deal with appropriately. Joanne mentioned that the right-of-ways have been around for over 40 years. Heath said we need to get some of this stuff in writing. Moffitt Road was brought up. Heath said most of last year nothing was plowed on that road. The understanding is Cornish will plow Moffitt Road and we will plow Route 160 to Moffitt Road but Cornish’s new plow contractor may not know of that agreement. Joanne mentioned that it would be a good idea to call the Town of Cornish to see if they want to keep up with the agreement.
- Lisa LePage – Parks and Rec. – last week’s Round Robin got rained out. Soccer is done. They had a record number of players again this year. Thursday they finished up Skills and Drills for basketball this week starts full practice mode at the Line School. Games are on Friday’s, Lisa will post the schedule. There is still time to sign up. Sonny asked Lisa about the \$400 subscription bill for the irrigation system that she gave to Laura. She said she had

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no idea what it was but she sent it to Laura May. Sonny said we'll check into it. Lisa is also questioning her CMP bill. The bill has almost doubled and nothing is different at the ball field.

**SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:**

Ed Morgan told the Board that Judy gave him some information on the Business Park. On October 4, 2007 there was a Special Town Meeting – Article 2 read “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to sell lots in the Limerick Business Park to the Limerick Development Corporation on terms and conditions that are favorable to the Town.” His question was can the Board of Selectmen sell directly instead of going through the Development Corporation? Sonny said he would bring it up to the voters to give us the power to sell it and be done with it. That would take out all the questions. He thinks it's that way now. He said it was easier to sell it through the Corporation than to sell it outright. Wendy asked if there was a time specified on the article. Sonny also noted that there is an article that allows us to sell Town property but it has to be through an auction. Ed also asked about the Business Park Committee and has it been dissolved. Sonny thinks it is just a case of overlooking the appointing of the committee. Sonny said a lot of the same people are on both committees. Ed said there is one lot that the Development Corporation has had since 2007 – Lot #5 and nothing has been done with that. Joanne said that the lot was supposed to go to Steve Hamilton for his business, which never happened. Lastly, the lots have been valued at \$70,000 and the last one sold for \$18,500. Ed's concern is that if there are 8 lots left valued at \$70,000 there is \$560,000 worth of value that the Town carries vs. \$140K to \$150K at the \$18,000 valuation. Does that affect how we are treated by the State and by York County as far as the amount we pay to them? He asked if so can we get the assessor to drop the valuation down. Joanne said we can get them to drop it like we did the unbuildable lots in Lake Arrowhead. Dottie mentioned that the last property that sold is assessed at \$78,000. Sonny said never the less we can still lower the unsold properties.

Ed also wanted to clarify things about the vault information that was received earlier from Judy. He said he did not bid on the project, no bids were ever received only the person who put in a bid for the slab based on the building sitting over in Limington. What he did was come in with a proposal with a set of plans and specifications. He listed the HVAC in his plans. There was nothing in the Town's specifications at all regarding any specified system, dehumidification requirements to meet any laws on what the Town put out to bid. The vault was completed a year ago September and no issue had been mentioned. The air was flowing in and out separately in the two ducts. When he was finishing the project he had a discussion with Board about alarms out there. He had put in an additional conduit that you could put in a dehumidifier alarm. It would go off in this building where you could see it. There was also a discussion with Jason Johnson from the Fire Department about putting a halon system in the building. He was going to check into that. None of that has ever been done. There has been no follow up. He pointed out that the heating system has been out there for a year and there had been no issues. The documentation is all there and he did what he said he was going to do according to the contract that the Selectmen had signed.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Wendy rescinded last week's **motion** regarding the fire department and corrected the wording to read: To accept the Fire Chiefs proposal for coverage from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> with the funds being allocated from the **per diem** account and any additional funds if needed to come out of the EMT account of the fire department and that also to cover from January 1<sup>st</sup> to Town Meeting to take those funds from Rescue Billing Account for the night stipend shift with the new rate of pay. Dottie **seconded** the motion. **All** were in favor.
- The Mellen and Son Door to Door contract was motioned and seconded last week but never voted on. The motion passed 5 – 0
- The Transfer Station Safety and Policy Plan needs to be retrofitted to fit this building.
- Dupuis came up and fixed the front doors. Sonny said we need to look at what the long term fix will be. Joanne asked if it is the doors that are the problem. Sonny said he thinks it is what is around the doors that are the problem. Dottie said she had Jon take a look at them. The doors are fine it is the frame work around the doors that is the problem. Rick put a 2 ½" screw in the side and never hit anything. The guy from Dupuis put in a 4" screw and still didn't hit anything. Sonny said the doors need to be taken out and reframed then put back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- There will be no meeting next week due to voting on Tuesday.
- The Board signed abatements. One was to abate the person who received the tax in error and supplement the correct person. One abatement is to correct a subdivision lot that was double taxed and the last was a lot that should have been deleted. Dottie **motioned** to approve the abatements and supplemental. Joanne **seconded**, **all** were in favor.
- The Board discussed locking the front doors from 12 to 1. Cindy spoke how there is no one in the building from 12 to 1. The office doors are locked but the entry doors are not and she sees it as a problem. It is a security, insurance and safety issue. Someone could come in and falls; it could be vandalized. Wendy asked if the whole building was empty. Cindy said yes except for Tuesday. Cindy felt that as a taxpayer this building should be locked when no one is in it. It's locked at night why not lock it when we know no one is going to be here at lunch time. She would like to know what other tax payers think. Sonny said this isn't a very good time for this. We are having trouble with the locks so now we are going to lock and unlock the doors another ten times a week. It doesn't make much sense. Sonny wanted to know if we have had a problem. Cindy asked if we are going to be re-active or pro-active. Sonny wanted to know if we've had a problem up until now. Cindy was

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unaware of any. She said when she was hired the doors would be locked and then at some point. Sonny feels that if they came through the front doors they can't go anywhere other than this first hallway, everything else is locked. Cindy wanted to know what the problem was with locking them anyway. Sonny said no problem. Judy said when she left today Mike was still here and she didn't know if he had any customers coming in. Dottie said that Laura had mentioned that sometimes she has people come in to see her during the lunch hour. Wendy said she sees Cindy's point from a liability standpoint. (Judy was speaking away from the mike and not totally understandable but felt that it was more of a hassle than what it was worth). Wendy said that if the doors are going to be locked then someone needs to be back here by 1:00. Dean spoke about what is going on in the world today.

- The applications for the secretary position were opened. Joanne feels we should have a workshop to go over the applications. The Board will review the applications individually during the week and next meeting will vote on a time to interview the applicants. Sonny said after we interview the applicants we will have an Executive Session to discuss which applicant we will hire.
- Wendy asked about interviewing Department Heads for the Budget. The Board agreed on doing the interviews on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Dottie read the Announcements

**WARRANT:**

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the warrant. Dottie **seconded**. **All** were in favor.

**OTHER:**

- Judy asked the Board if she should call State Archives to come look at the vault to see if they feel what we have is ok. Sonny said we should go into it and look around and see what information we come up with.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Sue McIntyre talked about the Business Park and hoping that whoever buys property at the Park does not sit on it. Sonny said it would be worded correctly. She also asked about monies going in to the general fund vs. going into special accounts for the department who received it. Wendy gave a detailed explanation as to why it needs to go into the general fund.

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- Cindy gave the Library November schedule: The artist of the month is Jason Baldwin, he is a photographer. He will be at the Library next Wednesday night at 7:00.

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

- Gil **motioned** and Dottie **seconded** to adjourn
- **The Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.**

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: November 13, 2018

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Dottie Richard

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING  
SEE RECORDING  
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By Scott Pomerleau