

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**March 5, 2018**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joanne L. Andrews, John M. Medici and Roland C. Lepage.

**ATTENDEES:**

- Brian Saulnier, Ed Morgan, Dottie Richard, Deedee LePage, Lisa LePage, Frank Carroll II, Mike Gilpatrick, Julie Gilpatrick, Mike Mclean, Stephen Mclean, Judy LePage, Gil Harris, Ed Klosowski, Evangeline Irish

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Joanne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Welcome to the viewing audience and flag salute.

**MINUTES:**

- A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Meeting Highlights of February 26, 2018. Select persons Andrews and LePage were in favor. Selectman Medici abstained from vote.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- Lisa LePage – Parks and Rec's, Lisa stated that there would be no adult basketball Wednesday night and no Indoor Soccer or Basketball on Saturday this week due to other activities. The last day for soccer and basketball will be March 31, 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Select chairperson Andrews inquired about the progress of the BTH Fire Escape. Selectman Medici stated that engineers report has been sent to Steve Hamilton for review and are waiting for his response.

**ASSESSING:**

- **Selectman Medici made a motion to approve and sign the Municipal Quitclaim Deed without covenants for:**
  - Norman and Susan Fitzgerald – Map 39 Lots 4 and 5.
  - Selectman LePage seconded the Motion.
  - All were in favor.

**PENDING AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **A motion was made and seconded to accept the pending and correspondence items as presented. All were in favor.**
  - **A letter needs to be written to MMA explaining where we are with the progress on the MMA Action Plan.**
- **Selectman LePage made a motion to approve an article from the residents of Allaire Drive to the warrant at the Special Town Meeting of June 12, 2018. After some discussion;**
  - **Selectman Medici seconded the motion.**
  - **Selectmen Medici and LePage voted in favor of the Motion. Select chairperson Andrews was opposed. The Vote Passed.**
- **Select chairperson asked for a motion to accept the Annual Report.**
  - **Selectman LePage made a motion to accept the Annual Report.**
  - **Selectman Medici seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote passed.**
- **Select chairperson stated that the Fire/Rescue Committee has requested approval of the New Municipal Fire/Rescue Ordinance be added to the warrant for the June special town meeting.**  
(It will be added to the Town of Limerick website for review.)
- **Oxbow Beach** – After much discussion the Board of Selectmen agreed that some signage should be put up stating no rope swings allowed and possibly some beach rules.

**WARRANTS:**

- **Selectman LePage made a motion to accept the warrant. Selectman Medici stated he would seconded it with one small bill question, (a note was added). All were in favor.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- **Ed Morgan** – Wanted to encourage people to get out and vote next week at the Annual town meeting. Ed also tried to explain that asking the towns people for funds for the Fire Department Building is the beginning of the planning stage and asked the town's people to vote their conscience.
- **Frank Carroll II** – President of the Snow Mobile Club. Frank explained that the article on the Town Meeting Warrant is to correct a mistake that was made last year on the Lease Agreement, regarding the size of the parking lot for the Snow Mobile Club. Frank stated that he thinks we should leave the money for the Fire Department in the bank as is and look at the Water and Sewer problem first before spending any funds. Frank also stated that he thinks the town needs a Town Manager, not five selectmen.
- **The Selectmen** responded with the explanation that there are enough funds to work on other town needs as well that the town's people will be asked to vote on before any funds are spent.
- **Mike Gilpatrick** shared with the Select board that he has asked seven contractors for perspective bids regarding the cost of a new Fire Station Building, in order to see how close the town is in its price range. He has given them until the 7<sup>th</sup>, but doesn't have any information as of yet. Mike is also looking into the costs of cleaning the well.

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- Ed Klosowski of Allaire Drive, wanted to know if his Citizens Initiative will go on the June Warrant as he has written it. The Select board stated it will be written by the town's attorney but is very similar to the way he wrote it.
- Mike McLean stated that the Line School can't be used as a shelter because they don't have a back-up generator, but he is working on getting one.
- Steve McLean stated that the land given to the town by Leo Allaire was meant to be used for a Fire Station. The future of the old fire station can be decided at a later date.
- Kim Oliver – asked about being fiscally responsible with the town. Kim asked, with the revenues being proposed on Saturday, of the 703,000.00, how much of it is from undesignated funds to offset taxes.
  - The board responded: approximately \$100,000.00 dollars.
  - Kim stated that our mil rate has gone up 11.3% over the last three years, from 14.15% to 15.75%. Our total evaluations have decreased over two million dollars. In 2016 it decreased one point four million, in 2017 it decreased \$678,000.00 dollars. Kim stated: every time the mil rate increases, we pay more in taxes. Kim expressed that the town needs to be using excess funds to offset the next year's budget to be fiscally responsible.
- Frank Carroll stated that if we had a good plan for the town and a good vision for the town we wouldn't be faced with these dilemmas. We need to not try to figure out how to spend eight hundred thousand dollars in a matter of months.
  - Selectmen Medici stated that now is the time to start planning for the fire department, it's been talked about for twenty years.
- Steve McLean recommended a vote for Gil Harris for Selectmen. Steve stated Gil is an accountant and would be an asset.
- Select chairperson read the list of estimated revenues from excise fees, Urban Rural Improvement Program, Department Revenues and Undesignated Funds to reduce the 2016 Tax Commitment.
- Selectmen stated that this has been going on this way for a long time, and the auditor stated that the town of Limerick was a healthy town.
- Lisa LePage – Parks and Recs director stated that all the money the town has, her department was the only department that the budget department suggested to cut.
- Selectmen Medici stated that the town has always supported the rec department.
- Steve McLean asked for the Board of Selectmen to vote tonight to have the town's auditor come to a Selectmen meeting every year to explain the status of the town's records.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Sonny read the announcements.
- Joanne Andrews stated that the Transfer will be open this Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Joanne also asked everyone to come out to vote this week at the Annual Town Meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

- **A Motion made and seconded** to adjourn the meeting. **All were in favor.** The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Tawny Mann  
Secretary  
Board of Selectmen

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By Scott Pomerleau