

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

January 16, 2018

(Amended 1/31/18)

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ATTENDEES:

Mike Mclean, Gil Harris, Bill Jones, Ed Morgan, Dottie Richard, Mike Gilpatrick, Dean LePage, Amanda LePage, Tawny Mann, Ricky Richardson, Charlie Pellegrino, Steve Mclean.

CALL TO ORDER:

- Joanne called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Welcome to the viewing audience and flag salute.

MINUTES:

- A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Meeting Highlights of January 8, 2018 with one change. All were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Mike Gilpatrick – Code Enforcement Officer, read the December Code Enforcement report. Mike would like anyone that has a building permit that is finished with their building to call the office and set up an appointment for final inspection. Mike has been working on updating the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to meet the State Shoreland Zoning code adopted in 2015, Chapter 1000. The changes will be in regard to: Expansions and Hazardous Trees. Due to time constraints Mike is asking for an article to be written and added to the warrant to be voted on at the Town Hall in March. These changes have been reviewed by Mike Morse with DEP and Cathy Connor at Maine Municipal Association.
- Mike Mclean – Fire Chief, Mike stated that the fire department and two of the selectmen met last week to go over the work that has been done by the fire department building committee regarding the plans of a new Fire Station. The Fire Chief and the Building Committee is asking for an article to be added to the warrant in March to ask the voters if they would be willing to spend \$800,000.00 on a New Fire Station. Select Chairperson Andrews asked if the motion should state that the funds would not come from taxation. Selectmen Medici stated that it's not their intention to take the funds out of taxation, and that the funds would be coming from several places but at this time they can't say for sure that there would be no funds coming from taxation and that it is too early to state that. Chief Mclean asked Chairperson Andrews about the when the town auditor will be done with the annual audit. Mrs. Andrews stated that the meeting with the auditors is set for Friday and the selectmen will know at that time how much money will be available in undesignated funds that could be made available at this time.

After much discussion a motion was made;

- **Selectmen Medici made a motion to add an article to the warrant stating: Do you favor spending up to Eight hundred thousand dollars on a new Fire Station, with details to come later? Selectmen LePage seconded the motion.**
- **Selectmen Medici and LePage voted yes, Select Chairperson Andrews abstained from the vote, and stated that she feels that without enough information the town's people will vote against it.**

Amendment 1/31/18

It was brought to my attention that Selectman Medici was stating that he would agree to an amended motion to Selectman LePage's original motion,

After reviewing the recording again I found that after Fire Chief Mclean made his request to the Select board to put an article on the ballot to ask the town for eight hundred thousand dollars to build the town a new fire station,

Selectmen LePage made a request stating "that he would like to see it go on the warrant on the ballot and requested the selectmen's permission to look into either a loan or a bond, one way or the other, seven hundred thousand dollars, and he would like to see the last hundred thousand dollars come out of the capital project account."

The discussion went on from there; Dean LePage, Steve Mclean, Ed Morgan and Lisa LePage all had comments regarding the building of a new fire station and process of asking the voters for the money.

Selectman Medici stated "he would like to wait until next week to see where the seven hundred thousand dollars would be coming from, as opposed to stating that they have one hundred thousand dollars and they're not sure where the other seven hundred thousand dollars would be coming from or even how much it's even going to cost us."

Selectmen Medici then stated that "if the motion were made, do you agree on spending up to eight hundred thousand dollars for a new fire station? I would second that motion right now."

Selectmen LePage stated "I'll amend the motion."

Selectman Medici stated "That doesn't commit to anything, and if the motion is; do you agree to spending up to eight hundred thousand dollars on a new fire station with details to come later, I'll second that motion."

Selectman LePage stated "I'll amend the motion to that. I'm not looking to set anything in stone, I want to know if the people will spend that kind of money, before we go do all this work and get plans and so forth, that's all I'm asking."

Select chairperson Andrews asked for “Any further discussion?”

Selectman LePage stated “at least we’ll be moving forward.”

Select chairperson Andrews asked “Should we amend that to let people know that it won’t be coming directly out of taxation? Because that’s going to be the first thing people say, oh my god, how much are my taxes going to go up? If we spend eight hundred thousand dollars. That’s going to be the number one question.”

Selectman Medici stated “ I think we need to tell people that’s not our intention, but we don’t know the answer to that question right now, if we had the answer to that question we could say it, but, if we say it’s not coming out of taxation then were basically committee to the whole eight hundred thousand not coming out of taxation, some of it may come out, we may see two, three, four weeks a month from now that we’re going to do some out of capital reserves, some out of taxation, it may come from two or three different places, we don’t know.”

Chief Mclean asked **Select chairperson Andrews** about when they were scheduled to meet with auditor, and it was stated that they were meeting on Friday, January 19th and after that meeting they would know how much money is left over in the undesignated account that they could possible move.

Select chairperson Andrews stated “We know were going to move some of it, we have to move some of it, we should move some of it.”

Select chairperson Andrews then called for a vote; “All those in favor?”

Selectmen Medici and LePage voted yes.

Selectmen chairperson Andrews abstained from the vote, stating “I’m abstaining because I really think you’re going to hurt yourself in the long run and I don’t want to take a chance that the town’s people are going to vote against it because they don’t have the information.”

Because I found that there was never an actual Motion made by Selectman LePage, there couldn’t be an amendment made; and therefore the vote would be invalid.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

- Heath Edgerly, representing Limerick Steeplejacks, the snow plowing contractor. Heath wanted to discuss with the Selectmen some statements that were brought up at last week's meeting concerning the snow plowing of the Limerick roads. Mr. Edgerly spoke about complaints that have been made about specific problem spots on specific roads within the town. Mr. Edgerly informed the Selectmen of several problems that need to be addressed regarding trees that overhang Foss Road which have damaged their trucks, the lack of turn arounds on private roads where the plow driver is forced to back out, sometimes around blind corners. Mr. Edgerly stated that should anything were to happen while backing out of these roads and drives his insurance would not cover these incidents. Mr. Edgerly requests that these situations be rectified.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board was asked to approve the purchase of two new computers; one for the Treasure and one for the Code Enforcement Officer.
 - **Selectmen Medici made the motion to approve the computers as recommended by Modem Waves for the Treasures Office and the CEO's office including the option for the upgrade for a total of \$2,025.00 dollars to come out of the Capital Equipment Account.**
 - **Selectmen LePage seconded the motion.**
 - **All were in favor.**

PENDING AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- There are no changes at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sonny read the announcements.
- The Select board set a meeting for Thursday, January, 25, 2018 with the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee and all Department Heads, at 7:00 PM in the Media Room at the Municipal Building.

WARRANTS:

- **A Motion was made and seconded to accept the warrants as presented. All were in favor.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Bill Jones had a few questions regarding Allaire Drive. Bill asked what the legal process is for the town to accept a private road, making it a town road. Regarding Allaire Drive the town's attorney stated that one option would be for the property owners to create a road association or The Developer who owns the road could transfer the ownership to the town and once the town owned the road it would be responsible. This investigation is ongoing.
- Ed Morgan wanted to remind the board about keeping the condenser unit on the Vault clean of ice and snow. Rick has been made aware. Ed will be raising this unit up as soon as the weather clears. Mr. Morgan reported that the door has been damaged and he will repair this once the weather breaks as well.
- Gil Harris – Budget Committee, Gil wanted to address the issue of the Budget Committee's recommendation regarding the Parks and Rec's upcoming budget.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- **A Motion made and seconded** to adjourn the meeting. **All were in favor.** The Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Tawny Mann
Secretary
Board of Selectmen

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"Limerick Selectmen's Meeting"
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By Scott Pomerleau