

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**August 3, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: Gil opened the meeting through videoconferencing at 7:00PM

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

Gilbert S. Harris, Dorothy M. Richard, Wendy M. Thorne, Heath D. Edgerly, Joanne L. Andrews

ATTENDEES:

- Tony Carroll, Aaron Carroll, Steve McLean, Michael McLean, Mike Gilpatrick, Dana Sanborn, Joe Parsons

MINUTES:

- Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes for July 20 with one correction. Heath **second**. Dottie made the comment that it's 15% not \$.15. Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes with the one correction. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Heath **motioned** to approve the minutes for July 27. Wendy **second**. Wendy said that it needs to say there is a potential for a Tax Anticipation Note and Dottie said that under new business HARVA is supposed to be HAVA. Wendy **motioned** to approve the minutes with corrections. Heath **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Mike Gilpatrick, Code Enforcement Officer, gave his July report and told everyone that he was going on vacation from this Wednesday till the 18<sup>th</sup> and that his alternate will take care of any inspections that come up and permits will have to wait till the 18<sup>th</sup> and that people will have to schedule an inspection. Wendy **motioned** to send second notices of violations for residences that are deemed unsafe. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Michael McLean, Fire Chief, told the Board about the prices of the new ambulance that will cost \$267,000 and Wendy said that she would look into it. Michael told the Board that he had received two applications, one for an advanced EMT and a paramedic and that he was setting up interviews and asked about background checks and Joanne told him that Toni Nappi, our Town Constable, had passed away and that we appreciate all the years of service and that he never charged the town a stipend and Michael said that he had been in contact with someone from the FBI and he could do it that way. Michael also said that the per diem budget is \$11,000 in the green and that if people see cones out do not drive around them during the storm.
- Joanne Andrews, Transfer Station, asked for direction for the new building at the Transfer Station and how she should proceed. The Board decided to have her call three or four engineers to draw up plans for it and get something in writing from them.
- Cash flow review: Wendy said it had not been in the folder and the Board decided it would be discussed next week.
- Joe Parsons, Recreation Director, told everyone that they were now doing skills and drills for soccer. He told the Board that he had found mirrors on craigslist for the upstairs room that they were using for dance and they needed to be picked up the next day if they were to

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go through with it. The Board asked if they were shatter proof and if they could be framed and Joe said that they could be framed but they are not shatter proof. Heath brought up the liability of it and needing to check with the insurance company about it and that there needs to be more details before they go through with it. Joe told the Board that it was nothing they needed to get right now it was just a good price and that they are not going up right away. Wendy asked where he would store them, and Joe told her at the ballfield shed. The Board decided to contact MMA about it first and wait until next week to decide.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Gate valve on Main Street: Gil said that it had been completed and water is on for everyone. Heath asked about it being a change order that will come out of the grant money and Gil told him yes and that if it had been an expense on the town it would have been on the water and sewer district to take care of.
- Sidewalk snow removal contract: Gil told everyone that Heath had written out a draft that the secretary will type out and the Board will review it.
- Ambulance quote: Gil said that they had already gone over it.
- Norton Road Access: Gil had spoken with the Road Commissioner and had been told that the Road Commissioner had spent a considerable amount of money on signs and Gil asked if someone knew if concerns had been raised by more than one person on the road. Heath told him that he knew of four separate houses and that there cannot be more than eight houses on the road and asked for the Road Commissioner to be asked to come in to discuss putting up a No Through Traffic sign closer to route 11 and Joanne said that she agreed that there needs to be a sign closer to route 11. She also said that agriculture would not limit the number of signs that Mr. Libby can put up and Dottie said that the signs he had put up had been damaged or stolen. Heath said that something that is simple should not take 4-5 weeks to complete and that he would like the Road Commissioner to come in next week to finalize the topic. Gil asked who would talk to Mr. Libby about putting more signs up and Heath said that approaching a business person and making it a hassle shouldn't happen when they can have the Road Commissioner at the Selectmen's request take care of it.
- Fire Department study: The Board discussed how this had been approved by the voters in March and that they had received a contract from Neil Courtney, Fire Prevention and Service Specialist, about the things he would focus on. Michael McLean got up and said that he had received a list from him and would start to gather information. Joanne **motioned** that Gil sign the contract with Neil Courtney for the Fire and Rescue Specialist. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Citizen request for use of public areas: Gil said that this had been settled at the workshop before the regular meeting.
- Request to rent town inventory (tables, chairs, etc.): Gil brought up that there is a policy that says we do not rent or loan any town inventory and the secretary had already let the person know.
- ADA signage for Brick Town Hall: Joanne told the Board that there needs to be signs put up that point to the pathway to get to the ramp and the sign out front for the veterans should be incorporated into the signage out back. Heath brought up that this is not part of the handicap

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accessibility grant money and now they have to buy signs to finish the project. Joanne said that the estimate is about \$50. Wendy said that it would come out of the Brick Town Hall maintenance account and Heath said that there is more to it than just the signs and Wendy said that there are a few cosmetic things that need to be done. Joanne **motioned** that they move forward with the signs that we need for the ADA signage at Brick Tall Hall. Wendy **second**. All were in favor.

- Inspection of public buildings for ADA/ voting compliance: Everyone was told that they are waiting on a response from elections for this.
- Ordinance for live broadcast: Wendy told the Board that she had written something up because Heath had asked for all committee meetings to be broadcasted and Heath said that he wants accountability and if the Board gets bad information wants to be able to know who the information came from. Wendy brought up that if they do this then it will mean paying employees more from the Franchise Fees which if the expenditures are over the 70% that the town receives then the rest would have to be raised through taxation, she also told Heath that it is up to the Board to also do their due diligence to make sure the information they are receiving is good information. Heath brought up minutes that had been written where Wendy said that a company was not a master mason and Joanne said that there should be a list of historical masons on the Historical Preservation website from Augusta. Wendy told Heath that she does not know all the local contractors and that they will learn from their mistakes. Heath brought up that Joanne was praising John Cleveland for his work and Wendy said that it is her right to do that, he made a comment saying that it should be her opinion as a citizen not a Selectman. Gail Libby got up and said that she had served on the Handicap Accessibility committee and that they had sent out bid proposals to three contractors that were certified and they could not discern if Limerick Steeplejacks was certified because it was not on the website and that they followed the best policy. Heath said that anything to do with grants has to be publicized and Wendy told him that this was a private grant and nothing to do with CDBG and that with private grants they just have to get the job done within a certain amount of time. Heath brought up that they had paid the gentleman to do the chimney and he isn't on the schedule to do so and Wendy told him that the gentleman has not been paid for that yet and he said that fixing it later should not be how that should work. Wendy said that she does not work like that and with being constantly criticized who will want to work on these projects and be on these committees. Gil brought up that the bid and purchase policy is a future workshop that should help to clear some of this up. Steve McLean talked about having the article be a two part one and that the Volunteer Fire Department is a private corporation and Wendy told him that they expend town money. Wendy brought up that this could halt progress and volunteering for committees and Heath said that he feels like this might get more people involved. Dana Sanborn got up and made a comment about Heath talking about his company every meeting and Heath told him that it is a company he works for and Dana asked why Greg Sanborn isn't up here doing the fussing, Heath told him that he advocates for the company. Dana asked that the town is able to accept or reject any bid and he asked Heath that if his crew showed up would he want them on his property. Gil asked that this be quick because there were still a lot of topics to discuss. Heath offered to give Dana resumes and Dana said he doesn't want any resumes and brought up that with the warrant article no one had anytime to dig into it. Gil said that it would be an agenda item and Heath told Gil that he did not like how Gil shut off people's questions and Gil said that it was getting personal and going on for longer than it needed to.

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- Sokokis Lake Labor Day events-approve request: Joanne **motioned** to approve their request. Wendy **second. All** were in favor.
- Clean-up town properties: The Board discussed making a list of all town owned properties for this and to look at the contract to see which properties are on there and see what the Custodian is doing now. Heath brought up that it should be a workshop item. It was also brought up that it should be identified and specified as to what everyone does in their position.
- Approve chair for Code Enforcement Officer's Office: Joanne **motioned** that Mike buy a new chair. Wendy **second. It** was brought up that he wants one similar to the ones in the Media Room at the Municipal Building. **All** were in favor.
- Article to amend 5 member board: The article to go on the November ballot is to fix one that had been voted on and it needed to be fixed in order to not have three Selectmen out at the same time. Wendy read the warrant article; Dottie **motioned** that they just approve this to be put on the November ballot. Heath **second. All** were in favor.
- Wendy **motioned** to appoint Brad Libby to the Appeals Board. Dottie **second. All** were in favor.
- Request from Library: Sign on the Library lawn to honor the Constitution, Joanne **motioned** that we allow them to put a sign for Constitution week September 17-23. Wendy **second. All** were in favor.
- Workshops: Gil asked what items they should discuss and it was brought up that they should discuss the article for broadcasting live, sidewalk snow removal, Gil brought up that they should make a wish list of ones they want to get done. They discussed having the workshop for the town owned properties for auction. Heath brought up having a policy for workmen's comp and Wendy told him that there are Maine State guidelines for that. The Board decided to have the workshop on the broadcast article, sidewalks, and town properties for auction. Joanne brought up the workshop and what it is about being put on the agenda and Gil said that he would do so.
- Heath told the Board that he had been approached by a citizen saying that another citizen was hauling reclaim dirt into his personal vehicle which is technically theft. Heath asked what the Board should do about it and he was told that the citizen who is being accused of this should be approached and it should be discussed in an Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wendy read the announcements.

WARRANTS:

- Joanne **motioned** to approve the warrants as written. Wendy **second. Heath** brought up that if there is written in time it should be initialed by the Fire Chief or Rescue Chief. Michael McLean said that he would work on that and Heath brought up that he had heard that an employee had been clocked in and went to another town to apply there. Michael said that he had not heard that and said that the Sokokis lake thing is so they can get a permit from the state to close the lake for those events.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

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- Steve McLean thanked Dearborn for putting reclaim out back and went on to bring up the money for the Fire Department call force and how it had been voted on at one of the meetings between the Budget Committee and Selectmen and also at one of the Fire Department meetings and that Pete Proctor had said that he had dropped the ball and there isn't anything for the Board to do. It is up to the Fire Department to figure out the accounting.
- Tony Carroll got up and said that he had been called a liar and a thief by members of the Board and he is requesting an Executive Session as soon as possible. Tony said that Heath has voted against the water and sewer district every time there has been a vote and the only thing, he voted on was the sidewalk. Gil stopped Tony because Tony was starting to get personal with his comments. Heath said that he had not mentioned names and had asked for an Executive Session with an employee. Tony said that he had taken the sand/dirt. Gil said that they would leave this for the Executive Session. Tony said that he wanted to discuss what he has done for the town while on the water and sewer district during the project. He told the Board that Dearborn would call, and Tony and Aaron would go and help them with what needed to be done and that they helped with the water line no one knew what it went to. He saw Heath receive a message and said that he wanted to see it because it is public information and Heath told him that it was from the Selectmen's Secretary because she was home sick and he could see it if he wanted to. Tony brought up that he has worked many hours and not put in for all of them with getting the Washington Street well online and other various things that needed to get done. Heath asked about the amount of arsenic in the water that he had been asking about for weeks and Tony told him it was at 6.9 and Heath told him that he already knew the answer because he had called Maine Well Water and that he goes through the secretary to get in contact with the water and sewer district and Tony said that he never got anything. Heath brought up that he had talked to someone from the state and Tony told him that the person calls them as soon as Heath calls them. He talked about how he had gotten a 30 then 90-day approval for the well. Tony told the Board that he had asked Dearborn to leave the reclaim for things to do with the water and sewer district on Washington Street and Heath said that it had ended up at Tony's personal residence and that technically it was theft because it is town property and Tony told him that it belongs to Dearborn not the town and Gil said that they should save this portion of the conversation for the Executive Session. Heath brought up that if Tony had asked the Board, they probably would have given it to him. Tony asked for a vote of confidence from the Board. Wendy made the comment that personally she does not believe that Tony would do anything like that with all the hard work that he puts into it. Gil said that he personally applauds what Tony has done for the water and sewer department and that he is happy with what Tony has done. Tony spoke about when he waters the grass he gets snide comments and that he helped get the stones for the park at the other end of Main and how there are plenty of good things in town and that people need to start working together. Aaron Carroll got up and said how he was disappointed in the Board, especially Heath for calling his father a liar and a thief when he is the most hardworking and upstanding citizen he knows of and told everyone that he is ready to move out of town because one of the Board members is being vindictive and mean to the people who work hard for the town and maybe it is time for a recall of this Selectman. Heath said that he has to be on the Board for six months before people can ask for a recall. Wendy **motioned** for a vote of confidence for Tony Carroll. Joanne **second**. Four were in favor, Heath abstained.

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ADJOURN MEETING:

- Wendy **motioned** to adjourn. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor
- The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: August 10, 2020

**End of Broadcast**

Respectfully submitted,

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Courtney Davis

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING**  
**SEE RECORDING**  
“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”  
August 3, 2020  
By Gail Libby