

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

March 06, 2017

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

Roland C. LePage, Joanne Andrews and John M. Medici.

ATTENDEES:

- Mike O'Donnell, Mr. Farrand, Dottie Richard, Judy LePage, Dean LePage, Lisa LePage, Derek Welch, Mike Gilpatrick, Ron Phinney, Ricky Richardson, Bill Jones, Howard Burham

CALL TO ORDER:

Sonny called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

- **Motion made and seconded to accept** the Meeting Highlights of February 27, 2017. **All were in favor.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Ron Phinney – Code Enforcement, last month they only sold one plumbing permit. The ISO audit got a poor grade rating due to the fact that the town hasn't adopted the most current building codes. Adopting the newer building codes will bring us closer to compliance. The IRC & IBC code books say that no permits are needed for a shed under 200 sq. ft. If the town wants to require its residents to purchase a permit for sheds less than 200 sq. ft. they will need to adopt to amend the ordinance. The code office will try to get the information ready to have it put on the agenda in June. Ron will also be retiring by April 31st, and Mike Gilpatrick will be taking over as Full Time Code Enforcement Officer. Ron has agreed to be the town's alternate code enforcement officer at that time.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

- Gail Libby – Handicapped Accessibility Committee, presented a proposal from Jacobs Glass, for Restoration of the windows at the Brick Town hall on Main Street. Selectmen Medici questioned the grant from Belvidere and a stipulation that may be included.
- **A Motion was Made and Seconded** to approve the Proposal from Jacobs Glass for the Restoration of the Windows at the Brick Town Hall, in the amount of \$39,350. **All were in favor.**

- Mike O'Donnell – O'Donnell and Associates, assessing agent for Limerick. Mr. O'Donnell was here at the request of the Select Board, to explain the process and clarifications on a recent tax abatement request. The Select Board is specifically questioning information on an abatement on a property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Farrand. After much debate between the Select Board, Mr. Farrand and Mr. O'Donnell, the Select Board made the decision to hold off on accepting or denying the property abatement until O'Donnell's can send copies of the comparable that Mr. Denis Berube compiled and used to come up with a figure on the Farrant's tax abatement request. Mr. O'Donnell said he would have the information sent to the selectmen's office tomorrow.
(To hear the complete discussion refer to recording dated March 6, 2017)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Derek Welch - After discussing the Sidewalk Snow Removal Contract and previous conversations from two other meetings, The Board of Selectmen and Derek Welch could not come to an agreement as to whether or not the Board of Selectmen used proper protocol with the way the Select Board went about hiring someone else to remove the snow from town property, and using the money from Mr. Welch's Sidewalk Snow Removal contract to pay the other contractors. And in Mr. Welch's words, informing him after the fact. Derek Welch has told the Select Board that he is not in agreement with his pay going to someone else because he felt he performed his job according to previous year's protocol. The Select Board discussed with Derek Welch several other issues where they feel he has defaulted on the terms in his contract, specifically in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, Section 1 of schedule A. and section 9. There were no agreements made at this time.

Selectmen Medici made a motion to terminate Derek Welch from the Maine Street Sidewalk Snow Removal Contract for the snow season 2015-2018, Based on the fact that it was considered a safety issue, Selectmen Andrews seconded the motion.

Selectmen LePage abstained from the vote.

Derek asked what the status of his Washington Street Contract was. All of the Selectmen there was no issues there, Selectmen LePage stated "it looks good"

NEW BUSINESS:

- Judy LePage – Shared an e-mail from a Ricky Hopkins, stating that Dorothy Richard violated the Maine campaign laws, do to where and how they were displayed. He asked that our office demand immediate removal of the signs by Dorothy Richard. Mr. Hopkins copied and pasted DOT regs. of which were only half viewable. Judy responded to Mr. Hopkins with a reply stating that due to this being an issue in the past, the town has already inquired about this issue with their attorney and the State of Maine DOT. The signs are legal on Route 5, because they are on private property and they can stay. The sign at the lookout attached to the poles that have reflectors indicating the curves in the road should be removed because they are for road information. We found out that the

post is private property and not Maine DOT property. Due to the fact that Judy couldn't find in our records that this person was a resident of Limerick, she and Ron from Code Enforcement, responded to this e-mail enquiring as to who this person was, and where he resided. Mr. Ricky Hopkins never responded back. Judy also wanted to let people know the town reports were in and could be picked up at the Municipal Building, Friday March 10, 2017 was the annual vote from 8AM – 8PM and Saturday March 11, 2017 was the Annual Town Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS;

- **Motion made and seconded to approve the purchase the power sweeper from Abbott Power Equipment for the amount of \$699.97. All were in favor.**
- **Motion was made and seconded to approve three (3) days unpaid off for Tawny Mann. All were in favor.**
- **Motion was made and seconded to appoint Tawny Mann as Public Access Officer. All were in favor.**
- **Motion was made and seconded to appoint Laura May as Alternate Public Access Officer. All were in favor.**
- **A Motion was made and seconded to accept the mail folder. All were in favor.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

- Selectmen Medici read the Announcements.

WARRANTS;

- **Motion was made and seconded to accept the contract for Smith Office Systems, whom are now honoring all service agreements of Eaton Copier Service. All were in favor. This contract is for the Library copier.**
- **Motion was Made and Seconded to accept the warrants as presented. All were in favor.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS;

- Selectmen Andrews shared an e-mail from York County Community Action stating; those who are in need of home heating assistance can still call to schedule a LIHEAP appointment at (207) 324-5762 select option 1, or (800) 965-5762 option 1 for York County. Applications for LIHEAP are taken through May 1, 2017.
- Bill Jones, inquired as to what qualifies the Selectmen to be Assessors? Selectmen Medici stated that O'Donnell's is currently the towns assessing consultants, and the town uses them for their expert services. The town could hire the firm to be completely in control of all the assessing needs if the town chooses, or they can hire an in-house assessor. Selectmen Andrews states that Maine Municipal has a manual on how to assess property's and also offer classes.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- **Motion made and seconded** to adjourn the meeting. **All were in favor.** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Tawny Mann
Secretary
Board of Selectmen

**FOR DETAILS OF MEETING
SEE RECORDING**
“Limerick Selectmen’s Meeting”
March 6, 2017
By Scott Pomerleau