

Town of Limerick Budget Committee
Compiled 1/26/13

Subject: Meeting Minutes January 16, 2014
Call to Order: The meeting began @ 7:00 PM.

Members Present:

Denise Benton
Steve Grigg
Gil Harris
Maureen Libby
Michael Welsh

Members Absent:

Stephanie Bishop
Kim Oliver

Others Present:

Wendy Thorne- Selectman Chair
Bob Devilleneuve-Selectman
Joanne Andrews-Transfer Station
Eileen Dashner-Citizen
Steve Malamude-Citizen

1. Meeting Minutes:
 - a. No meeting minutes were ready for approval.

2. Old Business: Review Warrant Articles
 - a. Article 45: Plowing & sanding of town owned properties
 - b. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Article 45: 4-yes; 0-No.**

 - c. Article 46: Snow removal from sidewalks, snowbanks & intersections
 - d. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Article 46: 4-yes; 0-No.**

 - e. Article 47: Traffic signals & lights
 - f. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Article 47: 4-yes; 0-No.**

 - g. Article 48: Maple St sewer construction 11th of 15 payment.
 - h. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Article 48: 4-yes; 0-No.**

 - i. Article 49: Door to door pickup; includes 10 mile additional trip to Westbrook.
 - j. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Article 49: 4-yes; 0-No.**

 - k. ADD Article 49A: Add Article for door to door contract from May 2015 to May 2018.
 - l. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend to add an article for the Selectmen to enter into a contract for door to door pick up for the dates specified, Article 49A: 5-yes; 0-No.**

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- m. Article 50: Tipping fees for Municipal Waste
- n. Discussion: Look at the equipment the town has. What is the tipping fee expended for soaked debris? Look at covering bins.
- o. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Article 50: 4-yes; 0-No.**

- p. Article 51: Transfer Facility; Budget w/changes \$78435.00.
- q. Recommend adding to 51.N. Special Services, grinding & tipping fees. Add \$6600.00 to budget for single sort container.
- r. Discussion: Evaluate current recycle bin. Look at making improvements such as heaters? Roof repair on bin? Look at corrective action vs purchase. It takes 6-8 days to fill single sort before moving. Asked Herrick to put it in a heated building until thawed. Have Selectmen look at possible solutions. Funding can be dropped at March 2014 meeting if solutions are found.
- s. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote with recommended verbiage & \$6600.00 for single sort bin, Budget amount \$78435.00, Article 51: 5-yes; 0-No.**

- t. **Delete Article 25: Single sort dumpster \$\$ from Capital Reserve Account.**

- u. Article 52: Limerick FD/EMS
- v. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Article 52: 5-yes; 0-No.**

- w. Article 53: EMT/Firefighter
- x. Discussion: Include COLA; Change vacation coverage with no COLA to \$15/hr.
- y. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote with COLA change for vacation time, Budget \$40404.49 (\$35508.20 Pay, \$2025.00 Vacation; \$2871.29 FICA): Article 53: 2-yes; 1-No; 1-Abstain (Michael Welsh).**

- z. Article 54: Hydrant Rental
- aa. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 54: 4-yes; 0-No.**

- bb. Article 55: EMA; includes COLA
- cc. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 55: 3-yes; 1-No.**

- dd. Article 56: Constable
- ee. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 56: 4-yes; 0-No.**

- ff. Article 57: Dog Handling
- gg. Discussion: Is Officer contracted? Is there a contract?
- hh. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 57: 4-yes; 0-No.**

- ii. Article 58: Library
- jj. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 58: 3-yes; 1-No.**

- kk. Article 59: Rec Dept.
- ll. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote of \$7,000.00, Art. 59: 4-yes; 0-No.**

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mm. Article 60: Memorial Day

nn. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 60: 4-yes; 0-No.**

oo. Article 61: SRC-TV

pp. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 61: 3-yes; 1-No.**

qq. Article 62: Municipal Building

rr. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 62: 4-yes; 0-No.**

ss. Article 63: Brick Town Hall

tt. Discussion: Is there cleaning supplies to clean with when rented? Yes.

uu. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 63: 4-yes; 0-No.**

vv. Article 64: Grange Hall

ww. Discussion: Move Scouts downstairs of Municipal bldg.? Decision has been made not to because of gear and equipment.

xx. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 64: 4-yes; 0-No.**

yy. Article 65: Luther Moore Building

zz. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 65: 3-yes; 1-No.**

aaa. Article 66: Public areas:

bbb. Discussion: Special Services? Dam Maintenance?

ccc. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 66: 4-yes; 0-No.**

ddd. Article 67: Cemeteries

eee. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 67: 4-yes; 0-No.**

fff. Article 68: LD1

ggg. **MOTION/Vote: Recommend a yes vote as written, Art. 68: 0-yes; 4-No.**

hhh. Discussion: Budget is \$45,621.27 over last year. Removing \$30K for legal the budget would be \$15,621.27 over last year. County Tax payment schedule is \$172,000. County has changed the fiscal year to July.

3. Old Business: Health Insurance; MMA has not replied as to enrollment. All employees were notified of open enrollment, 1 employee enrolled. Other employees will need to wait until the next open enrollment. Article 15 is \$6000.00.
4. Old Business: Article 20; Revenues tabled until 1/29/14. Undesignated account is approximately \$112,000. Auditor is not done. Meet with Auditor 1/29/14. Allow Auditor to speak first.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Rescue Billing is checked by the Auditor.

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- b. The State reviews rescue billing to ensure all billing is legit.
 - c. Allowance is made for bad debt.
 - d. There is no pursuing of non-payment.
 - e. Selectmen should be involved to allow relief if people cannot pay because of no insurance.
 - f. The Rescue Billing Company receives 7% of collections.
 - g. Mutual aid 2 calls out of 400 could not respond.
 - h. Provide payment offsets what we can't collect. Mutual aid works out to be a wash.
 - i. Most missed called are weekend between 6AM & 6PM.
 - j. Raise Per Diem thru taxation.
 - k. \$65K in rescue billing; 7% to billing company; \$4K to intercept. Need \$38K per year. \$13K to volunteers. Leaves \$25K and would not leave enough for per diem coverage.
 - l. 394 calls, 60 calls go north. 90 calls/25% for mutual aid.
 - m. Mutual aid from Limerick goes to Porter, Cornish, Hiram & Parsonsfield; these towns do not reciprocate mutual aid.
 - n. Waterboro provides the most mutual aid to Limerick.
 - o. Supplies should come out of rescue billing.
 - p. Look at calls supporting out of town.
 - q. Selectmen to look @ adding per diem to warrant.
 - r. Limerick can respond to some areas quicker than other towns can.
 - s. 11th hour situation?
 - t. Look at reports for the last 3 years.
6. Meetings:
- a. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1/29/13 @ 7:00PM.
 - b. Presentation from Town Auditor.
7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned @ 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Welsh
Secretary,
Town of Limerick Budget Committee