

TOWN OF LIMESTONE

BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS AND ASSESSORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

1. - Call the meeting to order
2. - Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
3. - Adjustments to Agenda –
4. - Approve Minutes –
 - 4.1. – February 1, 2023 Board Meeting
5. - Committee & Board Reports –
6. - Manager's Report –
7. - Public Comments –
8. - Old Business –
 - 8.1. IRS Penalties and interest
 - 8.2. Boston Cane presentation 10 Feb 2023 @2 PM
 - 8.3. Emergency Generator Test at school (21 Feb 2023 8AM)
 - 8.4. Employee handbook review results
 - 8.5. Time keeping
9. - New Business –
 - 9.1. Department Budget reviews
 - 9.1.1. Police
 - 9.1.2. Highway
 - 9.1.3. Library
 - 9.2. Sand bid proposal for 2024
- 10.- Elected Official's Reports & Statements –
- 11.- Other –
- 12.- Approve Warrants –
 - 12.1. Payroll Warrant(s) – #38, 40
 - 12.2. A/P Warrant(s) - #37, 40
13. Executive Session – Personnel
Move to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6.A.1) for consideration of personnel employment.
- 14.- Adjournment -

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:30pm

1. Call to order Time – 6:30pm

Board Members Present:

Durepo _x Brooker _x LaBreck _x Pelletier _x Philbrick _x

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

3. Adjustments to Agenda – Put 8.4 after 11.0 and move 13.0 after 4.1

4. Approval of minutes:

4.1 Approval of February 1, 2023 minutes - motion made by Philbrick to accept as read, 2nd Pelletier. No discussion. So voted.

Durepo _x Brooker _x LaBreck _x Pelletier _x Philbrick _x

5. Committee & Board Reports

Philbrick – none

Pelletier – none

LaBreck – LWSD getting payments from LDA regularly. During meeting talked about Green 4 Maine. Elliott states Green 4 Maine is a purchase and as of 1 April it's taxable. Elliott reports that he, along with Jim Leighton and Durepo were part of a meeting in which they discussed the town's needs from LDA. The LDA board agreed that we all need to work together. County Commissioner offered to sit in on meetings and Susan Collins' office offered to assist. Elliott expects Green 4 Maine will be coming to the town about a TIFF.

Durepo - The LDA Board directed Flora to meet with us and others about services. Limestone presently provides Police services for LDA (@less than 3% of Police Budget). Limestone does not support roads as they are listed as private. Loring Job Corps Funds end July 1, 2026. They wanted no discussion on Loring Job Corps Fund.

Brooker - none

6. Manager's Reports

6.1 Town Manager Report - (see town manager report for more detail)

-Attended meeting with LDA board – see comments above under 5. Committee & Board reports.

-Generator test for school still scheduled for February 21st.

-CDBG grant 2019 (business assistance grant) officially closed and certificate of completion has been received.

- There are applicants for each open position. Need exec session to discuss hiring.

- Provided board with a list of properties with liens or tax acquired as Brooker requested.

-Senate grant opportunity for infrastructure- in the process of gathering information. The letter of intent is due February 28 and the grant by April 24.

-Grant writing workshop on Feb 25th at 8am at Northern Light ARG will be attended by Elliott and Brooker.

7. Public Comments – Chuck Kelley states property LDA sold to Green 4 Maine town should get baseline valuation set & evaluation before TIFF applied. Town needs to get their fair share.
-Durepo states Superintendent of School needs to be a part of that TIFF conversation. LD-270 could affect the school. LDA is keeping the roads but Green 4 Maine is buying property. D.O.T. considers it similar to a college campus in relation to roads.

8. Old Business

8.1. IRS Penalties & Interest - Payments made and dishonored and never put back in. Several quarters school making a single payment – made late charges. Once taken out of collection and Elliott speaks with other IRS people the penalty could be waived. The total is \$14,000 with \$10,000 owed and \$4,000 in penalties.

8.2 Boston Cane presentation February 10, 2023 at 2pm – Elliott will send thank you to the ladies responsible for the event. (Doreen Beaulieu, Jane Griffeth, Gail Caldwell)

8.3 Emergency generator test at school – scheduled for February 21, 2023 at 8am.

8.4 Employee handbook review results – selectboard has employee handbook to review. No discussion occurred tonight.

8.5 Time keeping – Elliott has responses from companies and he asked if board would take lead on decision. Labreck asked Durepo to take the lead on the time keeping. Durepo agreed.

9. New Business

9.1 Dept budget reviews

9.1.1 Police Dept budget – see attached. Labreck asked the interim chief the hours of coverage currently and what is being budgeted. Durepo asked what our cost per hour is so they can compare that to Sheriff dept. Cormier will get the numbers together. Selectboard had line items questions and discussion on training academy, health insurance and chief salary. Durepo also asked Cormier to back out the odd items and note the peak times when putting numbers together for cost per hour.

9.1.2 Highway Dept – See attached. Kaiser states the budget is a first pass. Discussion about budget from board to include beaver control and asked Kaiser to check with Caswell on what they purchased, the 10-bay shed that's in bad shape and what's being stored inside the bays. Kaiser had a Fisher quote and Brooker asked if he had a Boss quote as that's what we use now. Kaiser is getting one. Kaiser suggested lean-to for salt shed against building.

9.1.3 Library Budget – Durepo made a motion to table library budget, 2nd by Philbrick. No discussion. So voted.

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9.2 Sand Bid proposal for 2024 – see attached. Reviewed proposal. Discussion on making sure the sand is what you want and board reviewed wording of proposal. Philbrick made a motion to move forward with bid proposal, 2nd by Durepo. No further discussion. So voted.

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10. Elected Official's Reports & Statements-

-Pelletier – none but he states he has a question about 9.2 and whether the sand size wording was right in the proposal. Brooker said yes it is correct. Have we looked into buying bulk with neighboring towns?

- Philbrick – Trailer on back street a problem and it needs to be towed away.
- Durepo – They should be finished up tomorrow with the water and work on skating rink. Where we are on the meeting today - County Commissioners. Have we looked at Fort Fairfield or Caribou about combining or overlap of services? Form Co-op?
- Labreck – The afterschool program is doing well and if it continues with lots of kids, she will need some help.
- Brooker – downtown snow removal was cleaned up and contractors buried sidewalks. We need rules. The list Elliott gave on tax liens and acquired property needs addresses. The solar panels need to go to school.

11.0 Other – Elliott shows liens with no paperwork filed and & many have lapsed. 1 piece of property the owner passed away; one family member is trying to catch up.

1 house and 1 property – 2 separate tax deeds. Abate the last years as it needs to be torn down. Abatement \$680. Pelletier makes a motion for 2-year abatement on house, 2nd by Philbrick. Discussion by Durepo should be on completion of demo and cleaning of property. No further discussion. So voted.

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12. Approve Warrants

12.1 Payroll Warrant(s) #38

Motion to accept Pelletier, 2nd Philbrick

Durepo_x Brooker_x LaBreck_x Pelletier_x Philbrick_x

12.2 A/P warrant(s) #37, #40 previously Jrnl 239

Motion made by Pelletier, 2nd Brooker

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13. Executive Session - Personnel

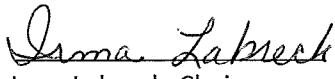
Motion made to move to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6.A.1) for consideration of personnel employment by Pelletier, 2nd Durepo. So voted.

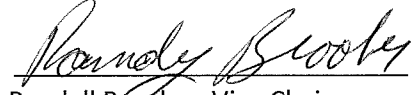
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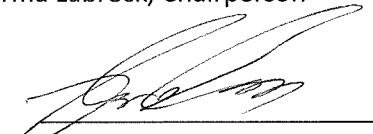
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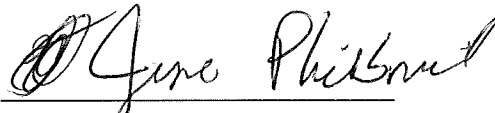
14. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn by Brooker, 2nd by Pelletier. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm


Irma Labreck, Chairperson


Randall Brooker, Vice Chairperson


Paul "Chris" Durepo, II


Jesse Philbrick


Fred Pelletier