

TOWN OF LIMESTONE

BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS AND ASSESSORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

1. - Call the meeting to order
2. - Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
3. - Adjustments to Agenda –
4. - Approve Minutes – Select Board Meeting April 19,
5. - Committee & Board Reports –
6. - Manager's Report –
7. - Public Comments –
8. - Old Business –
 - 8.1. Trafton
 - 8.2. ATV Club @ Trafton
 - 8.3. Virginia Place
 - 8.4. Budget Progress
9. - New Business –
 - 9.1. Budget – Town Warrant
 - 9.2. Wheeled Excavator
- 10.- Elected Official's Reports & Statements –
- 11.- Other –
- 12.- Approve Warrants –
 - 12.1. Payroll Warrant(s) - #
 - 12.2. A/P Warrant(s) –
13. Executive Session – Discussion concerning economic development of G4ME pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6.c)
- 14.- Adjournment -

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Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to order Time – 6:30pm

Board Members Present:

Durepo _x Brooker _x Labreck _ Pelletier _ Philbrick _x

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

3. Adjustments to Agenda – None

4. 4.1 Approval of April 19, 2023 selectboard minutes motion made by Durepo to accept as read, 2nd by Philbrick. No discussion. So voted.

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5. Committee & Board Reports

-Police Chief Jesse Cormier reported he would be done on Friday and would do a walk around with Elliott before leaving. He wanted to commemorate the Limestone Police Dept and went to Northeast Trophy and had plaques made for his staff. Cormier shares the town was incorporated in 1869 and the first Police Chief was in 1939. The selectboard thanked him for his service.

-Philbrick – attended AWS meeting and reported they cut wood in Presque Isle and sold \$25,000 worth and will use the money on a later project. If any group is looking for a fundraiser, they are looking for groups to pick up litter.

-Durepo – none

-Brooker - none.

6. Manager’s Report

6.1 Town Manager Report - Elliott received approval last meeting on utility pole replacement but he needs signatures from the selectboard before they leave.

-The academy has been notified of the end of the Limestone Police Dept effective May 5, 2023.

- Efficiency Maine has reached out about small town grants for heat pumps and he will pursue.

-The application for the Limestone Highway Dept to be an inspection station has been done.

-Elliott provided board with a list of personal property abatements of entities no longer in existence.

Durepo made a motion to abate personal property taxes for entities no longer in business 2nd by Philbrick. No discussion. So voted.

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NMDC Appointment is needed. Elliott states it is appointed and currently Melissa Devoe is on it.

Brooker gave Elliott the option of attending and if not, he would. Elliott was appointed to attend NMDC meetings on behalf of Limestone.

- Grant Station license Brooker and Elliott learned about at the grant training it is \$198 for 2 years and he is moving forward with it.

-Generator Loan Agreement approved for storage at the Limestone Community School so it will stay and it will be here when we need it.

-Training is ongoing for office staff – May 4th reconciliation, May 9th tax lien processing, June 21st end of year processing.

- Spirit of America nomination – each year they ask to recommend someone. If you have someone you would like to recommend for nomination, See Elliott . Elliott gave no details on criteria.
- Loring Restoration Advisory Board is a community group that meets to discuss restoration and if anyone is interested see Elliott.

7. Public Comments – None

8. Old Business

8.1 Trafton – Brooker reports that Trafton is a mess. They have made a dump. Left behind an 8x24 lean-to. Hwy Dept. has no time to clean up the mess. Durepo went out as well as Elliott and looked at options. Fire Dept can't do a controlled burn because of all the obstacles. Durepo asked Justin Nadeau for a quote to clean up campground so campers would be able to move in as expected. Later if they wanted to hire Nadeau to mow or clean up the dump, they would look at that. Elliott states there are plumbing issues as well and he has been working on getting a plumber to take care of that by opening day. Elliott will oversee Nadeau in the spring cleanup for a quoted price of \$1500 and Nadeau plans to start Tuesday and will have it done for opening.

8.2 ATV Club @ Trafton: Jo-Ellen Kelley states club is still working on landowner permission slips for the Fort Fairfield trail and once done Chris King will reach out to Randy Brooker to look at a branching off point. Durepo asked for timeline and Kelley states by next meeting should know more.

8.3 Virginia Place – Elliott states Solomon has been contacted for legal transfer of Virginia Place which the town owns and is giving to Green 4 Maine Holdings LLC.

Time is 7:05 pm and Labreck and Pelletier have joined meeting.

8.4 Budget Process – Budget committee is in attendance. Kilcollins from LCS has arrived with proposed school budget. Kilcollins states the budget has an increase of approx. \$300,000 mostly due to two things causing it 1) special education district students & placed in specialty schools 2) secondary education for tuition costs for both Fort Fairfield and Caribou. More discussion including school revenue, MSSM contract and the need to set up a meeting. The meeting was scheduled for May 10th at 6:30pm.

Went through the budget revenue by line items questioned. Elliott will check with Brandon Saucier on solar panel tax forms and when the town should see the reimbursement from the state.

Discussion on Manser Drive and the destruction it did to the fire truck going on that road at a low rate of speed. Can we refuse to go there? Can we get compensated for the cost of the fire truck repairs? Elliott will talk with MMA on these issues. Brooker and Durepo need to meet with Flora specifically to address roads. Will report back to board. Labreck asked whether stabilization and homestead exemption would affect budget. Discussion on Caswell's annual payment, General assistance, Trafton Budget including raised rental fees. Budget committee accepted budget without the addition of the school budget as they just received it. Malena made a motion to accept town budget and 2nd by Beaulieu. No further discussion. So voted. Malena_x Beaulieu_x Devoe_x Ward_x

9. New Business

9.1 Article 17 Electronic sign was more costly than original quote. Durepo made a motion to spend \$18,000 and 2nd by Pelletier. Discussion Philbrick and Labreck are not in agreement with paying that amount. Vote 2 in favor, 3 opposed. Strike Warrant.

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Article 18 - Labreck made motion to accept \$500,000 2nd Pelletier.

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Article 19 Homestead exemption, Bette reimbursement

Motion made by Labreck to accept \$252,000 2nd by Pelletier.

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Article 20 Selectboard ordinance – after discussion Brooker tabled until more information can be brought forth.

Article 21 County tax. Motion to accept \$128,157 by Labreck, 2nd by Pelletier.

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9.2 Wheeled Excavator – Elliott states Hwy Dept. looked at the excavator and the price is \$32,000 and they are holding it until the vote. Discussion. Pelletier questioned the age and condition.

Brooker made a motion to purchase for \$32,000, 2nd by Pelletier. No further discussion. So voted.

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10. Elected Officials Reports & Statements –

Philbrick – has a list of dilapidated buildings that he will turn into Elliott.

Pelletier – states his severance for the service weapon fell through and he wanted it on record.

Brooker – none

Labreck – we need to continue to work on collecting taxes.

Durepo – he states that Danny Gahagan II would be interested in being on the hiring committee for the Recreation Dept. Durepo asks Elliott if he could contact FEMA about Bog Road damaged. Kaiser reports that the Bog Road has been repaired as of 6pm tonight. He also states we should look at reimbursement for the damaged fire truck from traveling on Manser.

11. Other- None

12. Approve Warrants -

12.1 Payroll Warrants #54 Pelletier made a motion to accept as read, 2nd Durepo.

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12.2 A/P Journal - none

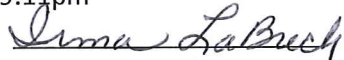
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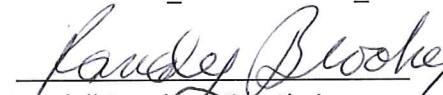
M.R.S.A. §405(6.c) Motion made by Durepo 2nd by Labreck.

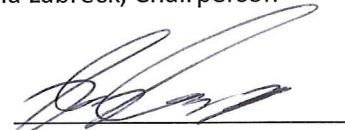
Result: Motion made by Pelletier rescinded. Motion by Durepo to approve TIFF zones pending clarification on how it relates to School funding. 2nd Labreck.

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14. Adjournment 9:11pm


Irma Labreck, Chairperson


Randall Brooker, Vice Chairperson


Paul "Chris" Durepo, II

Jesse Philbrick


Fred Pelletier