

# **TOWN OF LIMESTONE**

## **BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS AND ASSESSORS**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call the meeting to order – TIME         6:35 pm

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Durepo   x        Brooker   x        Labreck   x        Pelletier   x        Philbrick   x  

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

3. Adjustments to Agenda – Introduced and welcome Jim Risner as Interim Town Manager. He plans to work a flexible 3 days a week in the office but understands he will be available 24/7 for emergencies. Board Chair and Vice Chair will meet with Mr Risner to complete paperwork.

5.3.1 Motion added regarding Solar Budget

5.4.1 Motion added regarding Solar Committee

6.1 Motion added regarding closure at Trafton Campground

7.3.1 Motion added regarding Age Friendly Program

11.1 – Motion added regarding Aroostook Savings and Loan account

11.2 – Motion added regarding Katahdin Trust credit card account

4. Approve Minutes –

4.1 Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brooker to approve minutes July 21, 2022 Special Town Meeting

Durepo   x        Brooker   x        Labreck   x        Pelletier   x        Philbrick   x  

4.2 Motion by Philbrick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Durepo to approve minutes August 3, 2022 Board Meeting

Durepo   x        Brooker   x        Labreck   x        Pelletier   x        Philbrick   x  


4.3 Motion by Philbrick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Durepo to approve minutes August 17, 2022 Board Meeting

Durepo   x        Brooker   x        Labreck   x        Pelletier   x        Philbrick   x  

4.4 Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brooker to approve minutes August 23, 2022 Special Board Meeting

Durepo   x        Brooker   x        Labreck   x        Pelletier   x        Philbrick   x  

4.5 Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philbrick to approve minutes August 31, 2022 Emergency Board Meeting

  
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## 5. Committee & Board Reports –

5.1. – Aroostook Waste Solutions – A new cell will be built. AWS board voted on the company to build the project.

5.2 – Water Sewer Board – did not meet

5.3 – Solar Committee – Chuck Kelley has completed tracker repairs. Needs a boom truck to finish. Received a bill from Mr Maynard for \$1,445. The solar committee discussed the Solar Budget and feel that it can be established based on the Town Meeting that approved a sum not to exceed \$475,000 to be used towards the purchase of a Solar Project.

5.3.1 Motion by Durepo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelletier to put \$50,000 in TRIO for a Solar Maintenance line. All in favor

Solar Committee is looking into another grant due 9/30/22 for solar updates.

MSSM is waiting on a contract. They plan to pay once credits applied and then in full within 3 months. There is a meeting on 9/29/22 with numerous solar supporters and they want to compile a list of invitees such as Troy Jackson, Trey Stewart, Dave McCrea, Paul Towle, NMDC, LDA, Randy Martin, Jim Leighton, Limestone Chamber/LDF, SelectBoard, Solar Committee, MSSM etc.

5.4 – Rec Committee – Marie Connaroe is unable to remain on the Rec Committee. There is now a vacancy. Rec Committee recommends Erica O’Neal.

5.4.1 Motion by Durepo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelletier to appoint Erica O’Neal to Rec Committee. All in favor

## 6. Manager’s Reports –

6.1 Motion by Durepo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelletier to close Trafton Campground 9/30/22.

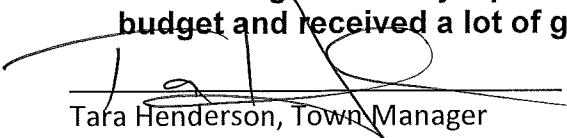
All in favor

Board request PWD move picnic tables to PWD storage, then take 6 +/- to Job Corps for repairs or refurbishment. Board asks where table can be stored for the winter to increase longevity? Possible PWD garages. Chuck Kelley suggests possible temporary storage for table out to LDA. Inquiry: When will Jim Leighton get paid for work at Trafton? Reply: Town has not received an invoice.

## 7. Public Comments –

7.1 – Sam Critchlow – Thank you Tara and welcome Jim Risner. Wants to tell us all about LD153 testing for lead at LCS. A test was conducted in February. The results were received in March. A public notice with remediation was made in June. Extremely high levels of lead detected in many sections of LCS. Are there grants to fix the old pipes?

7.2 – Julie Weston – Thank you Tara and Best of Luck. Asks the board what their plan is beside to advertise? Since she moved here 7 years ago, there have been 8 town managers. What will the board do different? Labreck replied to hire an experienced manager. There is a lack of applicants. Brooker asked what the issues are? Durepo replied he spends hours researching issues and on questions. He knows wages is a major problem and supported major changes in the last budget and received a lot of grief for it. Pelletier said exit interviews may help

  
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because we usually get a letter of resignation and the employee has moved on. Weston suggests the board utilize MMA trainings.

7.3 – Michelle Albert – Thank you Tara. Wants to share the Age Friendly Program through AARP. Needs a letter of support signed by the board.

7.3.1 Motion by Durepo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelletier to approve and sign letter of support for Age Friendly Program. All in favor

7.4 – Jo-Ellen Kelley – Trail Hawks received a \$12,685 grant to fix the ATV trail on Grass Farm. Durepo added that Snow Hawks has been receiving grants and obtained a loan for the groomer that should be paid off with 2 years.

7.5 – Tristan Moore (via zoom) has been the only regular lifeguard for a year. Is still at minimum wage. Who will he contact after Tara leaves. Board replied to schedule meeting with Interim Town Manager next week.

8. Old Business – none

9. New Business –

9.1 - To see if the Board will accept the resignation of the Librarian

Motion by Brooker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelletier To accept the resignation of the Librarian

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9.2 - To see if the Board will appoint an Interim Librarian

Board moved business to after Executive Session

9.3 - To see if the Board will review the Expense Summary Report

Motion by Brooker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philbrick To accept the Expense Summary Report

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9.4 - To see if the Board will sign the Certified Ratio Declaration Form

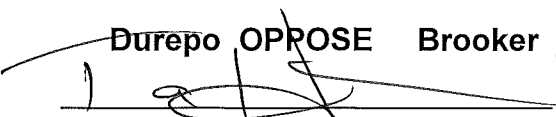
Motion by Durepo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelletier to sign the Certified Ratio Declaration Form individually after Assessor confirms the figures on it

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9.5 - To see if the Board will select a mil rate for the 2022/2023 tax year

Motion by Philbrick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelletier to select a mil rate of 28.00 for the 2022/2023 tax year

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10. Elected Official's Reports & Statements –

Pelletier – Thank you Tara for your year. I appreciate your efforts.

Labreck – Thank you Tara. I wish you the best. Also Thank you to Justin and Stacy, I wish you all the luck with your new employment.

Brooker – Thank you Tara for all that you've done. Wants to address concerns of understaffing at PWD.

Durepo – Thank you Tara for service. They are a tough board and information from all directions. Appreciates the time given.

11. Other –

11.1 – Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philbrick to remove Tara Henderson and add Irma Labreck and Jim Risner as authorized signer of the Town of Limestone's bank accounts at Aroostook Savings & Loan. All in favor

11.2 – Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philbrick to remove Tara Henderson and add Jim Risner as authorized person on Town of Limestone's Katahdin Trust credit card account. All in favor

12. Approve Warrant(s) –

12.1 Payroll Warrant(s) #8

Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philbrick to approve Payroll Warrant(s) #8

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12.2 A/P Warrant(s) #7

Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philbrick to approve A/P Warrant(s) #7

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13. Executive Session – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

13.1 Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Durepo to enter executive session pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) for discussion of compensation with Interim Foreman at 8:31 pm.

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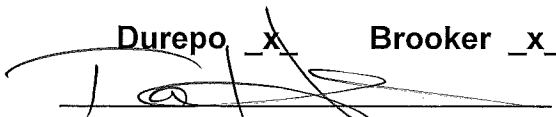
DECLARED OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:52 pm

13.2 Motion by Durepo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelletier to pay Interim Foreman \$21.50 per hour

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13.3 Motion by Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philbrick to enter executive session pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) for discussion of compensation for the Interim Librarian at 8:53 pm.

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DECLARED OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:21 pm

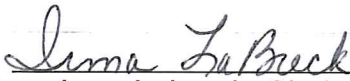
13.4 Motion by Durepo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brooker to appoint Kristin Vines as Interim Librarian for 32 hours per week and pay \$15.00 per hour.

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14. Adjournment

Motion by Brooker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Durepo to ADJOURN at 9:23 pm

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Randall Brooker, Vice Chairperson

  
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Paul "Chris" Durepo, II

  
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Jesse Philbrick

  
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