

ATTENDING: Ruth Adams, Teri Anderson, Bob Axelsen, Emil Braley, Franz Jongerden, Calvin Lewis, Bonnie Lord Laughlin, Tammy Ramsdell, Chairperson. **Absent:** Pete Childs, Doug Hubbard. A quorum was present.

Attending from the Town: Selectmen Darryl Hubbard, Bruce Rozett. **Absent:** Ray Cullen.

Tammy convened the meeting at 7:03PM and invited all present to salute the flag. Bonnie asked members to review the minutes of the Sept. 10, 2013 meeting for accuracy because that meeting had not been televised. Corrections were made. Emil moved, Calvin seconded to accept the minutes and they were accepted unanimously. Tammy asked Bonnie to submit a copy of the corrected minutes of the Sept. 10 meeting to Roxanne.

During the discussion of the Sept. 10 minutes some new information was given:

MMDY Boat Ramp is out to bid. Darryl said the State changed some of the specs. Bruce said some parking places will be added.

Transfer Station is out to bid but there hasn't been a lot of interest. Darryl said it is a small project and people are busy now so it may not get done this year.

Budget Requests 2014:

CEO: \$6680

Ron Phinney stated that he was upset that he had to wait: that he was called to be present at 7:00PM, that he was here and ready, and that the committee should have discussed its business after his presentation.

Ron asked for \$6688 to cover mileage, office supplies, fees, and training: same amount as last year.

Bruce asked about \$3000 for office supplies; Ron clarified that he has to pay the state 25% of the fees he collects for plumbing and septic permits and that that comes out of this \$3000. Ron and Bruce discussed that another line item will be added to clarify what part is actually state fees and what part is actually office supplies so they aren't put together.

Limington Planning Board: \$6430

\$6430 Secretary pay will increase from \$12 to \$15/hour. Bruce clarifies that this is being discussed by the Planning Board; the new wage isn't a given yet, but it won't be more than \$15/hr. Training and classes increased from \$0 last year to \$200 this year. Also current Maine State Planning Law books will be bought for members.

Davis Memorial Library: \$39,000

Claudette Townsend, Treasurer: Our goal is to come in slightly under budget. **\$39,000** This is an increase from last year of \$450 for salaries and \$500 for phone and internet. category because we are hearing we may have to pay for internet. If we don't have to pay, we won't spend it. She also presented the DML 5 year plan which will include repointing the bricks, fixing the chimney, sealing the driveway, getting a new sign, updating the computers. Discussion about the internet situation. Bruce said Time Warner will no longer provide free internet service to towns. The Town will sign up for business class service.....about \$100/month. It's not known yet if the library will have to pay or whether it can be piggybacked on the Town. Grace Davis of DML said she hoped they would get free internet service as they do now; they may know this before the day-long budget meeting in January 2014.

Snowmobile Club: reimbursement of snowmobile registrations

Robert Axelsen, President, asked for the same as last year, which is the reimbursement of the registration monies paid for snowmobiles. What they do with the money is purchase drags, repair sleds, build bridges, help pay for the equipment for all of that. Last year they spent close to \$1000 to repair bridges. Teri asked if maps are available. Bob said yes; the trails have been GPS'd. Pubby has maps. Bob said the Club is responsive to landowner concerns. Discussion about the damage ATV's can make on properties. Emil asked if the reimbursements will cover bigger expenses or repairs down the road and Bob said they would. Bob said there are about 10 active and 25 total members.

Limington Parade Committee: \$500, maybe \$1000

Beverly Foss asked for the same amount as the last two years: \$500. Donations also come from businesses and some private people. Crazy Cops (Kora Shriners) may come again next year but we won't know until this Friday, Oct. 11. Kora Shriner Logrollers also came last year for another \$500. Bev said there is an opportunity to get a big truck sponsored by Camp Sunshine that is popular but they also want \$500. That would double the request to the Town to \$1000. Bonnie said she hoped the amount asked from the town would stay at \$500. Darryl said he thought the town could afford the \$1000. Emil said donations are actually less than last year, so if they're looking to expand, the money has to come from the town. Tammy asked about fireworks. Emil said he and Sasha Harmon (Day) are looking into having fireworks. There would be a cost of \$2500 for 8 minutes of fireworks.

Old Town Hall

Will present at the November meeting at 8:15PM.

Limington Youth League

Mary Axelsen will return at the November meeting at 8:00PM to clarify the budget request.

Appeals Board and Financial Advisory Board: \$1000

Tammy Ramsdell requested same as last year, which includes \$10 stipend per meeting per member of the Financial Advisory Board.

Other Business:

Bonnie asked questions about some of the Town budget report formats; Bruce and Roxanne clarified. Emil asked about capital improvements and whether individual departments are supposed to budget for these. Bruce said a number of years ago there was a motion passed at town meeting to have the Town do a 5 year capital improvement plan. The Finance Committee brought that plan to Town Meeting and the intent was to put all those reserve accounts into a capital reserve fund and use the 5 year plan to decide how to allocate money to meet those needs. When that went to Town Meeting it was decided not to do it. The whole idea of it was that there was about 1/2 million dollars sitting there in all the reserve accounts. The idea was each year we could have a warrant article to put certain funds into the cap reserve account and one of the strong opponents was Howard Allen. The plan was proposed for 2 years but never went anywhere. It was a way for everyone to see what the long-term needs were for the various departments and would be published in the Town report. The whole idea was to put all those accounts together. Bob Axelsen said the concern was that money would be taken from accounts that were counting on getting their work done at some point and might lose their designated money to another department. Bruce said the state tracks assessed value v. sale prices. of properties. Once you are 10% off you have to do a re-evaluation. We are close to needing to do this. It may cost over \$100,000. Bruce said the re-evaluation was last done in 2005. Emil said maybe we should try to put a long-range plan together again. Bonnie suggested that the @ \$100,000 in the cable fund be used for town expenses instead of staying in the cable account. Tammy said in looking at the budget expenditures we are \$13,000 in the hole for legal: will we need to cover that? Bruce said yes. Tammy asked if there was any other extra money that might be needed to cover expenditures for the current year. Bruce said he is a little worried about EMS salaries and whether we have expended enough for those. Increase in pay this past year was for EMT's from \$12/hr to \$14/hr and Paramedics from \$16/hr to \$17/hr. More discussion. Roxanne clarified one of the

financial reports. Tammy said next month's meeting is Tuesday Nov. 12 at 7:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob moved, Franz seconded to adjourn at 9:14PM. Vote 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Lord Laughlin, Secretary