



THE TOWN OF LIMINGTON

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SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 7, 2014

- o **Attendance:** Select men - Raymond Cullen, Darryl Hubbard, and Bruce Rozett; Willard Boothby, Bonnie Lord, Emil Braley, Shawn Jordan, and Roxanne Herrick
- o **Select man Cullen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p m**
- o **Select men Meeting Minutes:** Select man Rozett made a motion to approve the July 31, 2014 Select men Meeting Minutes, second by Select man Hubbard and vote unanimous.
- o **Approval of Warrant #32:** Select man Rozett made a motion to approve Warrant #32: Appropriations: \$62,257.31 and Payroll: \$13,397.02 for a total of \$75,654.33, second by Select man Hubbard and vote unanimous. Expenditure breakdown of Warrant #32:

Town Officials	\$ 1,099.81
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 788.40
Town Clerks Office	\$ 1,129.82
Old Town Hall	\$ 35.95
Municipal Complex	\$ 480.43
General Miscellaneous	\$ 36.35
Saco River TV	\$ 60.29
General Assistance	\$ 2,251.15
Fire Department	\$ 397.27
Animal Control	\$ 339.44
EMS Department	\$ 541.76
EMS Billing	\$ 6,818.43
Snow & Ice Removal	\$ 5,998.30
General Highway Maintenance	\$ 2,937.07
Brush Removal	\$ 431.99
Paving	\$ 447.70
E911 Sign Replacement	\$ 14.68
Curbside Contract	\$ 6,581.17
Curbside Tonnage	\$ 13,297.03
Transfer Station Operations	\$ 3,948.03
Limington Youth League	\$ 65.00
MMDY Operations	\$ 326.65
MMDY Summer Rec Operations	\$ 2,871.56
Weekly MV Registration Fees	\$ 10,879.20
Monthly IF&W License Fees	\$ 7,175.47
Monthly State Dog License Fees	\$ 9.00
Employees Payroll Withholdings	\$ 1,947.38
Transfer Station Construction Reserve Acct	\$ 4,745.00

General Fund Balance: \$ 1,826,203.70

Purchase Order Requests:

General Miscellaneous: Select man Cullen asked for a motion to approve a purchase order request to pay Custom Shingle Sign Co. \$175.00 for one sign for Public Beach, so moved by Select man Rozett and second by Select man Hubbard, vote unanimous.

Old and New Business:

o Trash Pickup on Sand Pond Rd: Select man Rozett read the letter Selectmen had received from a Sand Pond Road resident regarding a number of trash issues. The trash contract with CIA does not include furniture, couches, mattresses, and will not get picked up with your household trash. Residents are to take those items to the Transfer Station when it is open. Linington does have a Trash Ordinance and in cases where we can find out who put that kind of material out, we would in fact notify the Sheriff's Deputy. Also, putting trash out two to three days before it is picked up is only asking for a mess, the animals will be into it. The only way Selectmen can enforce this is if the animals make a mess, the trash company will not pick it up and then in fact you may get a visit from the Sheriff's Deputy and possibly a fine.

Also, Select man Rozett wants to reinforce what the folks in the letter said regarding the Road Commissioner. He, too, feels the Road Commissioner is getting a lot done, and applauds the fact he comes to these meetings and talks about it so that people understand what is getting done.

Select man Cullen mentioned it would be appreciated if residents didn't leave bookcases, shelves, utility carts out back, they don't belong down there at the Silver Bullets on the ground. It cost us more money to clean it up, so please don't do it. Selectman Rozett mentioned there are security cameras around this building and if Selectmen can determine who left that material, they will also be getting a visit from the Sheriff and a fine which could be up to \$1,000.

o Open Bids for the Engineering Work for the Old Town Hall Fire Escape: Select man Rozett mentioned as most people know a while ago there was an automobile accident that damaged the fire escape at the Old Town Hall, and because the laws regarding fire escapes has changed significantly since the building was built, engineering work needs to be done. The Town received two bids:

Hnkhamand Greer bid \$4,890 to design a fire escape and Harri man bid \$5,250. Select man will award the bid next week. CEO Ron Phinney went over some of the codes that affect the fire escape.

o Steep Fall Bridge is on schedule. Select man Rozett mentioned Selectmen were giving notification that the project is on schedule.

o Supreme Court Decision - FSHI: Select man Rozett reported as most people know the Town has had an ongoing struggle with Francis Small Heritage Trust over property taxes. The Trust has for a number of years requested a complete tax exemption as charitable and benevolent, the Town has found otherwise. The Trust appealed that decision to the State Board of Property Tax Review. The State Board of Property Tax Review in late August of 2012 ruled in the Town's favor. The Trust then appealed that decision to the Superior Court and they ruled in May, 2013 that the Board had erred in its findings and ruled in the Trust's favor. The Town then appealed that decision to the Maine Supreme Court. The Maine Supreme Court released this morning at eleven o'clock its ruling in favor of the Trust. The Supreme Court has basically said, under the circumstances in this case the Trust is entitled to exemption as charitable and benevolent. This means that the Trust and their eleven parcels in Town will be tax exempted, they will not have to pay any property tax on those parcels. This also means the Town will have to reimburse the property taxes that the Trust has paid since 2009, plus interest, and as of today that will amount to about \$24,400.

o Tax Anticipation Note: Select man Rozett mentioned the General Fund balance is up to 1.8 million dollars and we had done a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of half million and we have begun the process of paying that back. We are waiting to hear what the interest is.

o Special Town Meeting: Select man Rozett mentioned as is common this time of year we identify one or more accounts that probably are going to need more money before the end of the year and we typically have two to three Special Town Meetings to look at and ask for additional funding for those.

The Select men have tentatively set a Special Town Meeting for Saturday, Sept 13, 2014 at 10 a.m. At this point we know that the Legal line item does not have enough money, the Insurance line item does not have enough money and the Medical Billing will probably not have enough money based on the run rate they have gone through this year. There will also be a proposal to install air conditioning in this building at that Special Town Meeting.

o **Committee Openings:** The Town has openings on the following committees: Old Town Hall Preservation Committee, one opening on both the Planning Board and the Mo-y- Mo- Da- Yo Recreational Area Oversight Committee. Please contact the Select men's Office at 207-637-3105 or email at lington@oadrunner.com if you have time and interested in serving on one of these committees.

MMDY Boat Ramp: Select man Rozett mentioned Select men had a conversation with Howard Allen this week regarding the boat ramp. As most people know we had planned to do a boat ramp last year and appropriated \$19,000 and the balance was going to be paid with grants. When the engineering was done and the bids came back for the work to be done it was significantly more money than available and the boat ramp was postponed for last year. The MMDY Committee contacted Fish and Wildlife for possible grants. The Town appropriated \$19,000 again this year and the process was started on the grant application. We had a gentleman from IF&W here when the Select men were asked to review a Memo of Understanding regarding the boat ramp. We had hoped to get the boat ramp done this fall. Howard had not heard from M. Boucher for a number of weeks and contacted him. He indicated the paper work was into the Federal Government for their review they would probably take a month and we could probably have this done by October of 2015, at which time Howard blew a cork. Howard has been in contact with a number of people at the State regarding the way this whole application was handled. It was originally supposed to be done in the spring of this year and then moved to the fall of this year, and now they are talking about a year from now. We know some of the grant will have dried up because we haven't used it. Just so people know, it looks like the boat ramp will not get done this year unless Howard can create a political fire storm in Augusta to make something happen.

Transfer Station Compactor: Select man Hubbard mentioned he inadvertently said last week, that we were shooting to have the Transfer Station compactor open September 1st and what I should of said was October 1st because it takes six weeks to get the compactor.

Informational Bulletin

o **General Assistance Office:** GA office is open Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Applications are available at the front office during business hours.

o **Transfer Station Hours:** Saturday's 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday's noon to 4 p.m.

o **Silver Bullets** are behind the Municipal Complex in the Salt Shed parking area.

o **Planning Board Meetings** are held on the first and third Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.

o **Contact Select men:** You may contact the Select men if there are specific items you wish to discuss by emailing the Town at lington@oadrunner.com or calling a Select man directly or call the Select men's office at 637-3105. Select men will be happy to add an agenda item.

o **Meeting Open to Public:**

Willard Boot hby asked if the Trust picked up more land, will it also be tax free. Select man Rozett stated if they picked up more land it would be tax free.

Willard Boot hby wanted to confirm that if the grant money for the boat ramp is not used it would no longer be there. Select man Rozett mentioned to his recollection a piece of the grant money, we had two years in which to use it and if the boat ramp doesn't get built until next year it will have expired. Willard asked what the advantage to the Town is the boat ramp. Select man Rozett continued to answer M. Boot hby's questions.

Bonnie Lord asked if the bids on the Old Town Hall fire escape were for design only. Select man Rozett stated yes.

Shawn Jordan gave an update on the repairs to Town roadways. River Road is completed, we replaced two culverts and ditched so it would stop it from washing out. The dirt portion of Sand Pond was repaired. Pine Hill road culverts were replaced and drive ways were repaired. The damage on Bootby Road was repaired and the rip-rap on Pine Hill will be completed tomorrow. Christian Hill Rd had three collapsed culverts. Shawn will be speaking with Selectmen on the small section of Tucker Rd which is dirt, Beaver Berry was raked again, and Mill Turn Rd also. Selectman Rozett asked Shawn to estimate how much salt/sand he will need to put up. Shawn gave an update on the plowtruck repairs.

o **Motion to Adjourn:**

Selectman Cullen asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., Selectman Rozett so moved and second by Selectman Hubbard.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxanne Herrick, Selectmen's Assistant

Selectmen, Town of Limington

Raymond Cullen, Chairman

Darryl Hubbard

Bruce Rozett