



# THE TOWN OF LIMINGTON

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## SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES October 23, 2014

- **Attendance:** Selectmen –Raymond Cullen, Bruce Rozett and Darryl Hubbard; Residents and Guest - Emil Braley, Ron Phinney, and Roxanne Herrick.
- **Selectman Cullen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.**
- **Selectmen Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Cullen asked for a motion to approve the October 16, 2014 Selectmen Meeting Minutes, so moved by Selectman Rozett and second by Selectman Hubbard and vote unanimous.
- **Approval of Warrant #43:** Selectman Rozett made a motion to approve Warrant #43: Appropriations: \$248,271.13 and Payroll \$6,559.54 for a total of \$254,830.67 second by Selectman Hubbard and vote unanimous.

Town Officials	\$	516.72
Code Enforcement Officer	\$	948.84
Town Clerks Office	\$	1,129.82
Municipal Complex	\$	96.40
Insurance	\$	2,472.69
Planning Board	\$	111.96
Saco River TV	\$	150.71
Legal Services	\$	172.24
Fire Department	\$	4,214.62
EMS Department	\$	2,122.25
EMS Billing	\$	2,751.52
Snow & Ice Removal	\$	12,254.88
General Highway	\$	259.19
Transfer Station Operations	\$	130.25
Limington Youth League	\$	197.53
MSAD#6 Monthly Assessment	\$	223,235.46
Weekly MV Registration Fees	\$	2,879.52
Employee Payroll Withholdings	\$	1,019.57
Transfer Station Const. Reserve Acct	\$	166.50

General Fund Balance \$659,171.74

### Purchase Order Requests:

- **Snow & Ice.:** Selectman Cullen asked for a motion to approve the following purchase order requests: a request to reimburse Shawn Jordan \$33.77 for a voltage regulator for sander on truck 8, and a request to pay Matheson Tri-Gas \$922.52 for oxygen and acetylene bottle contract, cylinder cart, oxygen and acetylene, hoses, and cutting wheels, so moved by Selectman Rozett, second by Selectman Hubbard and vote unanimous.

### Old and New Business

- **GA Notice of Public Hearing:** Selectman Rozett mentioned annually the Selectmen are required to hold a public hearing when the Maine Municipal Association GA Ordinance Appendices are updated. In that regard, the Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the MMA GA Ordinance Appendices B and C for the

period of October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015. These appendices are filed with the DHHS in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. §4305(4) and apply to food and housing.

• **Special Town Meeting** scheduled for Thursday evening, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. here in the meeting room at the Municipal Complex. Selectman Rozett read the subject of the meeting:

**Article 1** - To choose a moderator to preside over the meeting.

**Article 2** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer \$12,000 from the General Fund to Sanitation – Curbside Tonnage (Account 3600-8010). (Selectmen in favor 3-0) (Financial Advisory Board in favor 7-1)

**Article 3** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer \$34,000 from the Saco River Cable Fund Reserve Account to the EMS Medical Equipment Account (Account 2700-3049) for the purchase of one (1) Physio-Medtronic Lifepak 15 defibrillator with two (2) CPR assist devices.

(Selectmen in favor 3-0) (Financial Advisory Board in favor 6-2)

Again, this will be Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

• **Limington-Steep Falls Bridge update:** Selectman Hubbard reported the State is stilling planning to open the bridge November 7<sup>th</sup>.

• **MMDY Boat Ramp update:** Selectman Rozett reported on October 14th Selectmen had received an email from Robert Stratton, Supervisor, Fisheries and Wildlife. We will be meeting with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife November 12<sup>th</sup> during the Selectmen's normal Wednesday open office hours. Selectman Rozett read a portion of the email: "We have been waiting for input from the US Fish and Wildlife Service on several important issues for the project to move forward. Specifically, the draft Memorandum of Understanding between Maine Department Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Limington for ongoing post-construction maintenance and budgeting, as well as the draft Sub-Award Agreement from US Fisheries and Wildlife Service through Maine Department Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Limington. I understand that Leon Bucher provided draft copies of these documents to you and worked with you during their development (those are the documents that have been referred to by some as obsolete). The documents were provided to US Fish and Wildlife Service in July. Late last week, US Fish and Wildlife Service completed their review of these draft documents as well as Maine Department Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's proposed approach to Horne Pond. The good news is that US Fish and Wildlife Service identified no negative issues on the project at this point and encouraged Maine Department Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to proceed with preparing and submitting a federal grant package, which they will then put in their queue for processing. Maine Department Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has other projects that are already in process and which must be completed before we can put full attention to Horne Pond. But, this means, at this point we are still on track with our earlier estimate of construction in mid-2015." Again, Selectmen will be meeting with them at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> during the Selectmen's normal office hours.

• **Committee Openings:** The Town has openings on the following committees: Old Town Hall Preservation Committee, the Moy-Mo-Da-Yo Recreational Area Oversight Committee, and a member plus an alternate to the Saco River Corridor Commission. Please contact the Selectmen's Office at 207-637-3105 or email at limington@roadrunner.com if you have time and interested in serving on one of these committees.

• **Schools:** Selectman Rozett wanted to take a few minutes and talk about the schools. Last week the Superintendent and Business Manager were here and on Monday the School Board had their regular School Board Meeting. As I have said before, when taxpayers complain about their tax bill, one of my comments is over 60% of that tax bill is the school. There is an open discussion going on between the School Board and the Town of Frye Island which could have a significant impact on taxpayers in Limington. He would urge people to watch the School Board Meetings and talk to their School Board Representatives. Basically, the curve funding methodology for SAD 6 is based 100% on town assessed value according to State assessment. What Frye Island is trying to do is change that formula to some mix of assessment and student population. Everyone knows Frye Island has no students because the ferry doesn't run during

the winter. That would reduce significantly their contribution to SAD 6 and that contribution would have to be made up by the other towns. If the formula changes to include student population as well as assessment, Limington would be hit fairly hard. Standish would actually luck out because they have a relatively low student count compared to their assessed value. Limington on the other hand, has a high student count. He would urge people to familiarize themselves with the issue and watch the School Board and communication with their School Board Members, because it could have a very significant impact on the Limington tax rate if that proposal goes through.

- **Paving Update:** Selectman Hubbard mentioned they have ground and laid the asphalt on Christian Hill Road and are currently grinding the Whaleback Road.

- **Heating/Air Conditioning Units:** Selectman Rozett asked that cameraman, Fausto Blasco, move the cameras to show the new air conditioning/heating units that are being installed. Selectman Rozett mentioned a month ago the town approved money to put in air conditioning/heat pump units in this building and that work is being done this week. He mentioned this should make a difference during the winter because it will be cheaper to heat then with the oil, and certainly a difference during the summer.

#### **Informational Bulletin:**

- **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.

- **Transfer Station Hours:** Saturday's 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **starting this Sunday** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

- **Planet Aid yellow container** for cloths and shoes **only** is beside the silver bullets.

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

- **Financial Advisory Committee** meeting scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Hubbard reported this meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. because November 11<sup>th</sup> is a holiday. Scheduled Departments requesting funds; MMDYRAC –Howard Allen, Fire/EMS Department –Michael Hartford, Road Commissioner –Shawn Jordan, Old Town Hall –Diane Hubbard, Limington Youth League –Patricia Ramsdell, and Fire Works – Emil Braley.

- **Contact Selectmen:** You may contact the Selectmen if there are specific items you wish to discuss by emailing the Town at [limington@roadrunner.com](mailto:limington@roadrunner.com) or calling a Selectman directly or call the Selectmen's office at 637-3105. Selectmen will be happy to add an agenda item.

#### **Meeting Open to Public:**

Ronald Phinney reported on the fire escape for the Old Town Hall which the town has been trying to get designed and approved by the State Fire Marshalls office. He has been chasing the contractor, Pinkham and Greer, to find out how much longer before we hear from the State Fire Marshalls office that it was ready to go. Mr. Phinney had a voicemail this morning explaining, when the contractor emailed the plans to the State Fire Marshalls office he neglected to send the required fee and filled out application. Consequently, the contractor has talked with the State and they have said they would try to get the plans approved for us in two weeks, but it was supposed to be two weeks, two to three weeks ago. Hopefully this will happen this time so we can get the fire escape in and people can start utilizing the second floor of the building again.

**Adjourn:** Selectman Cullen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m., Selectman Rozett so moved and second by Selectman Hubbard.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roxanne Herrick, Selectmen's Assistant

**Selectmen, Town of Limington**

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Raymond Cullen, Chairman

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Darryl Hubbard

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Bruce Rozett

