



THE TOWN OF LIMINGTON

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SELECT BOARD MEETING JANUARY 13, 2022

Meeting Called to Order at 7:06 pm by Dennis Doughty.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 06, 2021

Warrant #02

Appropriations:	\$ 27,218.11
Payroll:	\$ 17,492.39
Total:	\$ 44,710.50

Motion to Approve January 06, 2022 Select Board minutes and Warrants #02 made by Stanley Hackett seconded by Jonathan Kinney, vote unanimous to approve.

Purchase Order Requests:

PWD:

A request to pay Kezar Falls Auto for hoses for the Brine system, pump for Truck 11, fittings for Truck 14, and ties and connectors for stock: \$1,030.14.

A request to pay Cornish Hardware for Bulkhead fittings: \$92.26.

A request to pay Yerxa's for snow thrower repair parts: \$81.33.

A request to pay O'Conner for Truck 6 door latch hardware: \$6.96.

A request to pay Lowe's Home Improvement for power strips, fittings and valves: \$189.57.

A request to pay Earl Maxwell for contract plowing on January 7 & 8: \$495.00.

Motion to approve PWD purchase orders made by Dennis doughty and seconded by Jonathan Kinney, unanimous approval.

FIRE/EMS:

A request to pay Kezar Falls Auto for oil and air filters for Ambulance 2: \$180.66.

A request to pay Admiral for badges: \$192.00.

A request to pay BoundTree Medical for supplies: \$470.36.

Motion to approve Fire/EMS purchase orders made by Dennis doughty and seconded by Jonathan Kinney, unanimous approval.

Old & New Business:

Reappoint Officers for FD/EMS, appointment for 1 year January 01, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Ambulance 1 and 2 Lieutenant: Luke Alexander
Engine 1 and Engine 4 Lieutenant: Jeremy Gagne
Engine 2 and Engine 6 Lieutenant: Lucas Brown

After a discussion on the merits of both bidders the Town of Limington awarded the Curbside and Transfer Station hauling contracts as follows:

Curbside pick up bid to Mellen & Son Waste Disposal Services. The contract to begin July 1, 2022 and end June 30, 2025 at a cost of \$300,000 each year for the term of the contract.

A motion was made by Dennis Doughty to accept the higher Curbside bid, seconded by Jonathan Kinney, all in favor and approved.

Roll off hauling and recyclables bid to John Papi LLC DBA Pine State Disposal/TNT Trucking, contract to begin July 1, 2022 and end June 30, 2025 at a cost as follows:

Demo per haul fee \$138.50, \$81.00 per ton for the first year, 4% increase in year two and three.

Shingles per haul fee \$62.50. Fee may change if EcoMaine fees increase.

Recyclables per haul fee: \$138.50. Fee may change if EcoMaine fees increase.

A motion was made by Stanley Hackett to Award the Roll off and recyclable hauling to Pine State Disposal, seconded by Jonathan Kinney, all in favor and approved.

Weekly Update on Select Board activities:

Jonathan Kinney has been working with the DEP to get the Household trash dumpster back at the Transfer Station. There has been discussion about the town moving the Transfer Station, in the future, and perhaps collections trash ourselves. Just items to be thought about for the future.

Met about trash collection to discuss some changes:

Bag Fee for using Household Trash Dumpster IF the Town is able to put it back at the Transfer Station, is going to be set at \$2.00/bag to be adjusted as needed depending on bag size. Having a Household waste dumpster at the Transfer Station costs the Town \$150 per month plus hauling and tipping fees to empty.

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A motion was made by Dennis Doughty to implement a bag fee, starting at \$2.00 per bag, seconded by Jonathan Kinney, all in favor and approved.

Bulky items like toilets, sinks, etc. need to go to the transfer station

ALL trash must be bagged.

Please have it out by the roadside by 6am. Trash may not always be at the same time every week. It depends on how quickly the truck is filled whether they have time to return and finish the route same day.

Please recycle as much as possible, this cuts down on our curbside trash hauling and they can collect more household trash in a truck.

Please limit the size of trash barrels to 32 gallons so that they can be picked up easily.

Larger barrels are difficult to empty.

Meeting with Mitchell Berkowitz and Bert Kendall January 13th after the Select Board meeting to discuss a Town Manager.

Informational Bulletin:

The Horne Pond Ice Fishing Derby is January 29, 2022.

Stanley Hackett made a motion to decide if the Rescue and personnel being at the Derby to be either duty pay or by the hour. The standish fish and game is not requesting the Rescue be present this year, as they feel response time is short enough and have not called on them in previous years. Jonathan Kinney stated he is not in favor of the rescue being a the Derby due to the conversation with the Derby hosts. Motion not put forward.

A public hearing on Planning Board referendums January 27th after the Select Board meeting

Transfer Station hours are Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday 12-4 p.m. Recyclable materials go in the compactor at the Transfer Station. Transfer Station stickers are available at the Town Office. **A Transfer Station sticker must be attached to your vehicle windshield for the disposal of ALL items.**

General Assistance Office is open on Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m. Applications are available anytime from the Town Clerks office during their normal business hours and must be accompanied by supporting documentation and must be signed.

Planning Board meets at the Municipal Complex on site the first and third Monday evenings at 7pm.

The Financial Advisory Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

MMDY Oversight Committee holds their meetings the second Thursday of the month after the Select Board Meeting.

The Old Town Hall Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

We are looking for volunteers for the 2022 Parade Committee.

Meeting Open to Public:

Meeting with Mitchell Berkowitz and Bert Kendall January 13th after the Select Board meeting to discuss a Town Manager.

Some general talking points brought up for discussion on cost to the Town, where would the Town look to find a Town Manager, what does the Town Manager do?

Who puts forth the request to change to a Town manager? The people, the Select board?

What is the training required?

What type of authority does a Town Manager have?

MMA provides a database of managers to help the Town decide who to hire that best fits the criteria we might need, MMA provides ongoing training for policies, procedures, and State regulations. The Town Manager salary is based on experience, town size, and what the Town would require. The Town Manager answers to the people and the Select board.

Public Comments:

Scott MacDonald: expressed his preference for the Select Board vs a single entity as far as considerations brought forward by people. Has worries about the cost to the town and tax implications, and what about removal of a Town Manager?

Mitchell Berkowitz: The town Manager would cover the day to day operations, but the Select board would still make the decisions. Those decisions would then be brought to the Town manager to implement and follow through. The cost benefit would be a decision for the town people to make.

Jeff Gammon: Asking for clarification on who makes the rules, i.e. is the Town Manager a State employee or Town employee?

Bert Kendall: The Town manager is a Town employee, not a State employee.

Dennis Doughty: Is there is a residency requirement for a Town Manager? Are there any training programs or a college degree specifically for a Town manager?

Bert Kendall: It is the community's choice if the Town manager can reside outside of town. MMA has extensive training courses, there is currently not specific degree program for Town Managers offered through the Maine College Systems.

Roxanne Herrick: Have any towns successfully shared a Town manager? The rules and regulations change regularly and when you have a new Select Person someone has to train that person, a Town Manager would take that responsibility. Pointed out that in the past the people of Limington have waned a Charter, but there was only one volunteer, and there would need to be nine people to draw up a Charter.

Bert Kendall: Mexico and Rumford shared a Town manager, but it is not recommended. A Charter would require nine people and some would be elected, some would be volunteers.

Mitchell Berkowitz expanded on the continuity that having a Town Manager would give the Town when the Select Board has turnover, new people are hired, new policies are implemented, and new laws or regulations are put in place.

Kevin Martell: What are the current Select Board Salaries (\$6500.00/year), how many hours does each person put in weekly on the Select board (20-30 each), are all the current Select Board members retired (all are currently retired, however have other jobs along with Select Board) what are the qualifications to be on the Select board?? Kevin expressed that he would like to see some continuity of the Select Board members.

Stanley Hackett: The Town manager would bring consistency and continuity to changes in the Town as far as applying new policies and rulings and that inconsistencies in policies can cost the Town money.

Stanley Hackett is a prior business owner, he served on the Planning Board, fire, and PWD. He has taken many MMA courses to further his education to help the Town.

Dennis Doughty served on the Planning Board, EcoMaine Board of Directors, and has worked in the both the public and private sector. He has learned a lot by serving on various boards and on the job training.

Jonathan Kinney is a business owner, he served in the military for 24 years, 20 of those with command of his own post, he has served in State Legislature, and he feels that being on the Select Board is part of his civic duty.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:39 pm by Dennis Doughty.

Motion made to adjourn by Jonathan Kinney, seconded by Stanley hackett.

Select Board, Town of Limington

Dennis Doughty, Chair

Jonathan Kinney

Stanley Hackett