

**MINUTES
SELECTPEOPLE'S MEETING
LIMESTONE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 2021.**

SELECTPEOPLE PRESENT: Jesse Philbrick, Paul Durepo, II, Chairman, James Pelkey, Jr., and Irma Labreck Vice Chairman Fred Pelletier

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Pelkey, Jr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, and Chairman Pelkey, Jr led the group in prayer.

III. Adjustment to the Agenda:

None

IV. Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2021

Motion by Selectperson Labreck seconded by Selectperson Pelletier to accept the board minutes of January 20, 2021. **Motion Passes 5 and 0**

V. Committee & Board Reports:

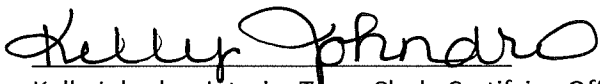
Selectperson Durepo, II – EMS & Fire Chief were to have met however due to scheduling conflicts they had to reschedule.

Selectperson Labreck- Would like to thank Kelly for doing the minutes and getting everything ready for this meeting.

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr – Just left the water board meeting they are still waiting to see if LDA gets emergency money. The Water Company is doing liens and is working with the town on these to see if they can work together. The Water Company just sold some property to David Beaulieu.

Selectperson Philbrick- Town Manager took him off the Dump Committee, Selectperson Philbrick expressed he was very upset with this.

Selectperson Pelletier – None



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VI. Report from Town Manager:

See Attached Managers notes.

Tax foreclosure list looks really promising that most will come in a pay before foreclosure. Reduced number from last year.

A/P Warrants will be 2 a month, board members can look through any receipt and ask questions at the Town office the Friday before meetings.

VII. Public Comments:

Mr. James Cote informs the board that the names that have gone to the Governor none were from Limestone. Jim's concern is that the Governor will by pass Limestone all together we need one if not two people from Limestone to represent Limestone. Jim states he could contact Troy Jackson or Dave McCrea how ever it would have more power coming from the Town Manager. Jim would like to run for a second term. Kelly states three names were given to Dave McCrea, they were Jim Cote, Tom Albert, and Walt Elliott.

Selectperson Philbrick makes a motion to send Tom Albert & Jim Cote to put the names forward; second Selectperson Pelletier. Chairman Pelkey, Jr. amends the motion to send all three names to Augusta; second by Selectperson Pelletier. **Motion Passes 5 to 1 – Selectperson Philbrick** Voted on main motion as amended to send all three names down to Augusta. **Motion Passes 5 to 0.**

Old Business:

A. New Ordinance:

Motion was made by Selectperson Philbrick that under the Home Rule Authority Philbrick moves that the Town of Limestone put the ordinance question on the June 8, 2021 for secret ballot referendum Election; seconded by Selectperson Pelletier. **Motion Passed. 4 to 0** 4 to 1

Vote Role Call: Philbrick Yes, Pelletier Yes, Labreck Yes, Pelkey, Jr Yes
Durepo, II Abstains *against*

After discussion Chairman Pelkey, Jr. would like to have the ordinance sent down to MMA to see if this is legal.

The board asks that when the answer from MMA comes back that each one gets a copy of what is asked and what the answer was and/is.

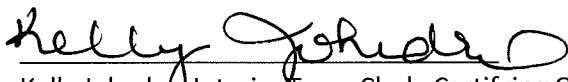


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- Chairman Pelkey, Jr. would like to have the new Highway Foreman to come to the meeting. Pelkey, Jr goes on to say this would be just a meet/greet and to see where he feels they struggle day to day.
- Selectperson Pelletier asks about the dump body, where are we on this, seeing how this was supposed to have been an emergency. The Town Manager explains that he understands they had to order the paint, but why in the company's order of needing to get it done why it took so long. He is back and he will be going down to see what the holdup is.
- Selectperson Durepo, II asked the Town Manager that last year there was talk about the town and the school equipment sharing, is it possible to use a bus driver who has spare time to come help out with plowing. Town Manager states with all the things we are working on we have not gotten to that. Chairman Pelkey, Jr states that the Water Company has stated that they have large equipment and can help also if the town needs.
- Selectperson Durepo, II asks when the library is going to be open to the public. Kelly Johndro informs the board that the library is open to the public one person at a time. She goes on to state that if a person calls for items, they also have 8 lockers for curb side service.
- Selectperson Pelletier asks the Town Manager has the town looked at state surplus to see what they are offering, because he knows Fort Fairfield is looking to restock some of their equipment. Pelletier states that the town would only have to pay pennies of the dollar.

B. Policies and Procedures:

1. Chairman Pelkey, Jr would like to bring up the subject conflict of interest many towns have this section in their by-laws. Basically, if someone lived in the same household with a Town Employee, they would not be able to be on the board of selectpersons. So, by definition a spouse of an employee, significant other, or a parent/child living under the same roof may not be able to set on the board of selectpersons. Selectperson Durepo, II would like to make a point that by doing this we do not want to run people off. We have a hard time getting people to run as it is, if we keep putting road blocks up per say then we may have more than one unopposed seat.
2. Section 4.2 Conflict of Interest for voting purposes of voting so, by definition a spouse of an employee, significant other, or a parent/child living under the same roof may not be able to set on the board of selectpersons. The board feels that you could not be non-bias with your child and spouse, so an employee who falls under those terms you cannot vote bias free. These parameters are the only ones they do not want to go too far back or down the family tree (such as cousins).
3. Section 5.1 - Selectperson Durepo, II stated he was under the understanding that we were going to use Statues in this area about using the fastest way possible to reach the public when it comes to Emergency meetings. The board would like this section to be redone with those statues. MRSA 406 talks about how to hold and emergency meeting.



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4. Organization Meetings – Selectperson Philbrick feels Chairman should run from June to June. Selectperson Pelletier feels that if the Chairman gets done the Vice Chairman should take over, if both Chairman and Vice Chairman gets done then at the very next meeting a new Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected.

VIII. New Business:

A. Sign LDA Public Infrastructure Grant Request:

After getting the Public's input from the Public hearing and a brief discussion

Selectperson Pelletier made a motion to table the Loring Development Authority's infrastructure Grant Request until the next meeting; seconded by Selectperson Labreck. **Motion Passes 5 to 0**

B. Sign Emera Maine Pole Permits:

The Town Manager explains that Emera Maine would like to have pole permits signed.

Motion by Selectperson Pelletier and seconded by Selectperson Philbrick to approve Emera Maine Pole Permit. **Motion Passes 5 to 0**

C. Interim Appointments:

Town Manager informs the Board that with the departure of Vicki Page some interim appointments need to be made until a replacement can be found for Ms. Page's position.

Motion by Selectperson Durepo, II and seconded by Selectperson Pelletier to appoint Kelly Johndro, as interim for the following positions, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Motor Vehicle Agent, Vital Records, Registrar of Voters/Elections, GA Administrator, Moses Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, and Bonding Agent for Grants. **Motion Passes 5 to 0**

With the role of interim Town Clerk, Kelly Johndro would have the authority to inquire with bank personnel such information as bank balances, and also research type questions that may arise.

Motion by Selectperson Labreck and seconded by Selectperson Pelletier to appoint the Town Manager, George Finch, as interim Treasurer with check signing authority on all accounts at Aroostook Savings and Loan Association. **Motion Passes 5 to 0**

IX. Approval of Warrants



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A/P Warrants # 49 & #50

Selectperson Pelletier made motion to approve; seconded by Selectperson Durepo, II. **Motion Passes 5 and 0**

Payroll Warrant # 48

Selectperson Pelletier made motion to approve; seconded by Chairman Pelkey, Jr. **Motion Passes 5 and 0**

Elected Official Statements:

Selectperson Philbrick – Wants to know where we stand with the Dump body. He was told Caldwell's is behind on painting, and that they needed to wait on the paint.

Selectperson Labreck – Asks about the skating rink. The board was informed that the skating rink is being used however; it is a little ruff and could possibly use another flooding.

Selectperson Durepo, II – Where we stood with the LDA. The board was informed that the LDA is waiting to see if they can get some emergency funding.


Selectperson Pelletier – praise the highway department for making it through the first major storm.

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr – would like to thank the Police Department as well Also.

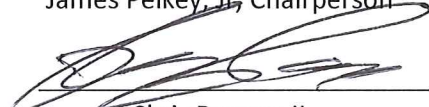
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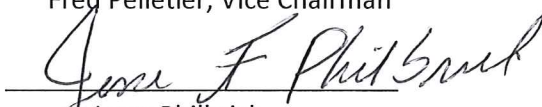
XIII. Adjournment: 9:22 pm


Selectperson Pelletier made motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm; seconded by selectperson Durepo, II. **Motion Passes 5 to 0**



James Pelkey, Jr, Chairperson

Fred Pelletier, Vice Chairman

Chris Durepo II

Jesse Philbrick

Irma Labreck

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