

TOWN OF LIMESTONE

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS AND ASSESSORS

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

1. - Call the meeting to order
2. - Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
3. - Adjustments to Agenda –
4. - Approve Minutes – Select Board Meeting March 15,
Special Town Meeting March 29
Emergency Select Board Meeting March 29
5. - Committee & Board Reports –
6. - Manager's Report –
7. - Public Comments –
8. - Old Business –
 - 8.1. Annual Report Dedication (MSSM, Historical Society)
9. - New Business –
 - 9.1. Insurance Premiums change
 - 9.2. Executive Session April 7th, 2023 @12 noon with Green 4 Maine
 - 9.3. DOT overlimit permit
- 10.- Elected Official's Reports & Statements –
- 11.- Other –
- 12.- Approve Warrants –
 - 12.1. Payroll Warrant(s) -
 - 12.2. A/P Warrant(s) - #0301 preview
13. Executive Session – none
- 14.- Adjournment -

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:30pm

1. Call to order Time – 6:30pm

Board Members Present:

Durepo _x Brooker _x Labreck _x Pelletier _x Philbrick _x

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

3. Adjustments to Agenda – Introduce new employees (1st part of Manager’s Report) before we continue with approval of minutes.

Town Manger Elliott introduced the front office staff – Kelly Johndro full-time, Lisa Kelley will start coming in at noon for training and become full-time the following week. Chelsey Elliott will continue working 2-4pm for now and will be part-time as needed for the front office staff and library during times of staff absence.

4. Approval of minutes:

4.1 Approval of March 15, 2023 minutes - motion made by Philbrick to accept as read, 2nd by Brooker. No discussion. So voted.

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4.2 Approval of Special Town Meeting March 29 minutes – motion made by Brooker to accept as read 2nd by Durepo. No discussion. So voted.

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4.3 Approval of Emergency Select Board Meeting March 29 minutes – motion made by Philbrick to accept as read 2nd by Durepo. No discussion. So voted.

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5. Committee & Board Reports

Philbrick – AWS meeting cancelled, nothing to report.

Pelletier – Nothing to report.

Brooker – No committee. Nothing to report.

Labreck – LWSD public meeting March 27th with no public attendance. Looking to purchase a tractor and they continue to receive money from LDA.

Durepo – Nothing to report.

6. Manager’s Report

6.1 Town Manager Report - Elliott reports the Recreation Asst. needs help due to the amount of children and different grade levels attending the afterschool program. Discussion about hiring for the position and benefits of a high school student applying. The selectboard asks Elliott to pursue the hiring of additional afterschool help.

-Risk Management inspection done and Elliott is recommending to the selectboard that he gets the okay to sign up for the safety incentive program offered. The benefit will allow a 5% reduction in compensation fees. An annual \$3,000 safety grant is available. Keiser is pricing cones, signs and other needed safety items for the highway department. The selectboard gives Elliott approval to move forward with signing up the town for the safety program.

-The LDA Services Committee has been tentatively organized with the following participants: Ben Shaw-LDA Treasurer, Denise Garland-LDA board deputy chair, Ryan Pelletier-County Commissioner, Limestone TM and a selectboard appointee. The first meeting will be Thursday, April 6 at 1pm. Durepo and Brooker will attend.

-Elliott states both MMA and the Attorney General agree the closure of the police department will need to go to special town meeting and a motion is needed to approve warrant for special town meeting on April 12, 2023 for

determination of Police Dept and an article for all remaining funds going to road maintenance and building reserve. Discussion on having remaining funds be put in reserve with other road maintenance funds and not to building reserve. Durepo makes a motion to accept as it reads striking words in article 3 “and building reserve”. 2nd by Philbrick. No further discussion. Pelletier abstained.

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Employee handbook missing a couple of signatures, Elliott will have board sign before they leave. Elliott gives information to the board on present employee health insurance and options for the board to look at to improve current coverage for family plan. Discussion on options and current insurance; board will review information. Brooker asks Elliott to talk with employees and report back to board.

-Elliott needs direction in relation to Trafton Lake and finding someone as a care taker for the summer. Discussion on mowing and how much is mowed and whether the care taker could do the mowing or highway dept. Discussion on bathhouse and roof repairs, whether to increase rates and when decision needs to be made. Elliott will look at the numbers and recommend a rate to the board and whether to hire a person.

7. Public Comments –Chuck comments as a citizen he doesn’t want the board to look at the money not spent by police department as extra money because with no Police Dept we will have less services and should have lower budget/ less taxes as a community. Elliott states 1,500 calls last year and coverage will continue to be provided by State Police/Sheriff Dept. at a quality level.

Jeremy states he has an interest in a small piece of property next to Angela Poitras on Brook Court. He would be willing to pay fair market price and would like to have first offer on it. Elliott will come back next meeting with a recommendation to the board on whether to sell it and easement for turn-around for plowing.

Jo-Ellen comments on the importance of health insurance option in employee retention so if it becomes possible it would be beneficial. Also comments that Trafton needs a care taker and a better reservation/payment system.

8. Old Business

8.1 Annual Report Dedication (MSSM, Historical Society) -Brooker makes a motion to dedicate the town report to the Historical Society, 2nd by Philbrick. Discussion. Pelletier states he would like to see MSSM get it this year as the Historical Society will always be there. This would be a good year for MSSM to receive it. Labreck agrees with Pelletier. No further discussion. 3 voted in favor of Historical Society, 1 against and 1 abstained.

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9. New Business -

9.1 Insurance Premiums change - Elliott provided information in manager report

9.2 Executive Session April 7th 2023 at noon with Green4Maine at the town office.

9.3 DOT overlmit permit for West Gate Rd. They are bringing in heavy equipment and sent necessary forms.

Motion made by Pelletier to give permit and 2nd by Philbrick. No discussion. So voted.

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10. Elected Officials Reports & Statements –

Labreck – Thanks to highway dept saving town money working on equipment. Attended PFAS meeting on 3/30 and they have made a lot of progress. Questioned Elliott about a piece of property on Main St that was purchased and if all back taxes paid. Elliott states it was clear.

Durepo – Update on time collection. ADP can put in 3 biometric at a cost of \$246 or \$15.40 per employee (up to 16) per month. \$195 activation fee. Second quote was \$11.20 per employee and \$50 per month. He is still trying to get TRIO to return a call to ensure the system bought and the office payroll system(TRIO) will be compatible before making a decision or recommendation. Philbrick states a time clock for the wall can be purchased for \$150 and no monthly fee. Will give another update next meeting if response from TRIO. Durepo spoke to Josh Brown, PFAS investigator, asking if a date is set to come back and give the town an update and he plans to set up public meetings in May. Durepo would like ATV Club put on next agenda to discuss ATV at Trafton.

Brooker – LDA is getting subsidiaries from DFAS again. Would like this brought up with LDA at Thursday’s meeting. Asks if we can bill for the fire. Elliott states sent the invoice with the 43% increase as board asked and heard

nothing back but we can try. Durepo states a pumper is \$250 an hour and each fireman is \$75 an hour. Super unsafe buildings LDA is supposed to take care of with grant money when it comes in. Brooker states he needs the lot # and map on town property so he knows what property the list is referring to and asked Elliott to get it to him(already on the list). Brooker states he thought the special town meeting was unorganized and where were the members of the school board and why weren't they sitting up there with them? Brooker asked if we could offer the police office to the State/Sheriff as an office. He states Job Corps offered to clean up Trafton in the fall but ran out of time but he can reach out to them for spring clean-up. Brooker asks Elliott where the town is on the High Street project. Elliott states paperwork/legwork done by lawyer but no contract signed by residents as yet. DOT has it in their year 24/25 project according to Keiser.

-Philbrick – pothole on Main Street could be filled with dirt for now. Even weekly this time of year.

-Pelletier – states it's his 4th term on the board and this is the first time he hears from other communities asking about our police department and they think we did the wrong thing.

11. Other- none

12. Approve Warrants -

12.1 Payroll Warrants 47, 48 Previewed and signed last week

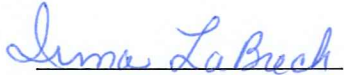
12.2 A/P Warrant #301 Preview and #50 Warrant. Pelletier made a motion to accept as read, 2nd by Philbrick. No Discussion. So voted.

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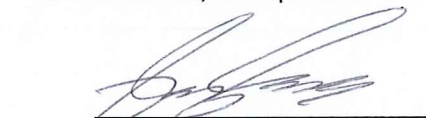
13. Executive Session – none

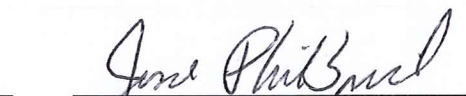
14. Adjournment

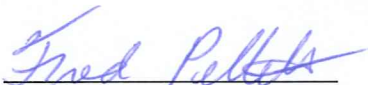
Motion to adjourn by Labreck 2nd by Philbrick. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm


Irma Labreck, Chairperson


Randall Brooker, Vice Chairperson


Paul "Chris" Durepo, II


Jesse Philbrick


Fred Pelletier