

**Town of Livermore
Board of Selectpersons
December 31, 2012 Meeting
Minutes**

Present: John Wakefield, *Chair*, Thomas Berry, Peter Castonguay, Megan Dion, Wayne Timberlake

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. Highway Foreman Roger Ferland reported the Check Engine light issue on the GMC has been repaired. The problem was corrosion on a ground wire that attaches to the truck's frame. He also said he heard a complaint about Highway Department employees clearing their own driveways with town equipment when they take a break while plowing during lengthy storms. He said they do this so they can get the trucks off the road while tending to personal needs (coffee, rest room, meal, for example). This has been a practice for many years and has never been an issue until this recent complaint and asked if the Selectpersons would prefer the crew do things differently, such as leaving the plow trucks at the Highway Garage, then traveling home for a break.. Administrator Kurt Schaub said there might not be a need for the crew to do this if there were a reasonable break room at the Highway Garage. Mr. Wakefield said he doesn't believe the practice has been abused and sees no reason for the Selectpersons to require the crew to do anything different. No action was taken. Mr. Ferland also said there have been some problems with vehicles being left in certain plow truck turnarounds and on the roadsides. He said some of the problems have been resolved, but wanted to warn residents that he is willing to give offenders one more chance before calling the Sheriff and having them towed. He said he doesn't like to go that route but it is not safe to back up a plow truck over an extended distance to another suitable turning location.
4. Mr. Schaub presented his Treasurer and Administrator reports. He noted that the annual premium for Workers Compensation insurance had gone down (budgeted to increase) by \$433, and that a Certified Letter had been sent to John Korhonen regarding payment for trees harvested from the Memorial Forest. He also said the Transfer Station will begin bulky waste collection services on Thursday, January 3. He also offered a reminder that fluorescent bulbs must be delivered to the Transfer Station in an intact condition, as state regulations would consider a quantity of broken bulbs to be a matter requiring hazardous waste cleanup. Mrs. Dion suggested the Transfer Station have a folding "Closed" sign when the facility is closed during heavy snowstorms, such as the one the week prior. Mr. Ferland added that it would be helpful if he had a key to the compactor so any trash brought in could be put in it instead of left on the ground.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub