

**Town of Livermore
Board of Selectpersons
January 14, 2013 Public Hearing and Meeting
Minutes**

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

Public Hearing

1. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The applications of Richard Damon and Rodney Newman for renewal of their Junkyard Permits were reviewed.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the December 31, 2012 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. On a motion by Mr. Timberlake, seconded by Mrs. Dion, the Junkyard Permit applications by Richard Damon and Rodney Newman were unanimously approved.
4. Town Clerk Renda Libby reported that the Fire Department held a very successful Rabies Clinic the prior Saturday. She said she has started training on the payroll and recognized that it will take some time to fully accomplish. She noted that RSU73 has a referendum vote on Tuesday, January 15, and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She said Administrator Kurt Schaub and Dan Boothby, in his Maintenance role, will set up the polls. No absentee ballots were requested so a light turnout is anticipated. The referendum concerns funding renovations at the high school in Jay.
5. Highway Foreman Roger Ferland said the previously reported problem with cars parked in plow truck turnarounds seems to be resolved. He reported the oil pan on the 2010 International needs to be replaced and appears to have corroded from the inside. The oil pan in the 2006 International was already replaced, due to the same problem. The pan alone costs about \$650. He said he contacted a regional International warranty representative who will be in touch with the dealer, presumably so the town won't have to pay for the repair. Mr. Schaub noted the 2001 Ford just had an oil pan replaced for the first time. Mr. Schaub also reported that the department's toolbox nearly fell onto an employee. Mr. Ferland shopped around and found an acceptable replacement for \$897.00.
6. Administrator/Treasurer Schaub presented his reports. He said that earlier in the day, John Korhonen had come into the office and provided Town Clerk Renda Libby with the name and phone number of his insurance agent, relative to the town's timber trespass claim. He said he didn't believe that met the requirements of the request outlined in the town's December 19, 2012 letter. Mr. Berry said the letter was clear – that he was either to pay the \$40,690 or appear before the Selectpersons to discuss the matter. Mr. Castonguay agreed, and suggested Mr. Korhonen's actions indicate that he knows he is in the wrong. On a motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Castonguay, it was unanimously agreed to pursue the matter as outlined in the December letter, which is to turn it over to the town's attorney and the Maine Forest Service. Mr. Schaub also discussed Governor LePage's budget proposal which is expected to have a severe impact on municipalities if it is implemented. The proposal would curtail Municipal Revenue Sharing for two years, require the towns to turn over to the state the excise tax collected on the tractor

portion of tractor-trailer trucks, and eliminate the Homestead Exemption program. He said that Rep. Gary Knight has offered to attend an upcoming Selectboard meeting, and it was agreed to ask him to do so. Mr. Wakefield noted the Homestead impact would be lessened for senior citizens and veterans, as they would be allowed to continue in the program. Mrs. Libby said it would be difficult to identify those still qualified. Mr. Schaub also noted the Boston Post Cane needs a new recipient as its previous holder, Gladys Tardif, had passed away several months prior. He also presented the new contract with Androscoggin County, which now covers PSAP (911 call answering) and Fire Department dispatch. He said he had discussed it with Fire Chief Donald Castonguay, who indicated he had no problem with it. It was agreed the contract should be signed.

7. New committee applications were reviewed, primarily for the Budget Committee. New applications were turned in by Gordon Jones, Renda Libby, Brenda Merrill and Jean Tardif, and a written request was made by Warren Forbes. Two residents have asked to serve on other committees, specifically Amy Pineau for Solid Waste and Ron Greenwood for the Road Committee. Mr. Wakefield reviewed the budget process that has been followed in prior years. He said Mr. Schaub would work with the departments on their requests, and the Selectpersons would also make recommendations, to the point the Mr. Schaub had sufficient information from which to draft a budget. After presenting the draft to the Selectpersons for review and adjustments, the draft would then be presented to the Budget Committee. He said the Budget Committee would have some differences of opinion with the Selectpersons, but they were usually minor. He suggested that both committees could meet together following the development of the draft, which might provide for greater understanding among both groups, though they still might have differences. He also said the Budget Committee was created many years ago, but there is no information available as to its purpose. Hence, he proposes that the Selectpersons and Budget Committee attempt to work more closely. Mr. Schaub said, that as far as an understanding of the proposed duties and process is concerned, that he would continue to meet with the department heads and board to prepare the draft, which would then go straight to a meeting of the Selectpersons, Budget Committee, and also involve the department heads. Mr. Wakefield said that was the intent of his proposal. It was generally agreed that would be the approach. As for committee membership, it was noted that Ruth Castonguay and John Coolidge would no longer be serving. That leaves Rob Boothby, Lawrence McNear, Rodney Newman and Tina Quirrion. Mrs. Libby said she and Mrs. Tardif would withdraw their applications if the other applications were approved. On a motion by Mr. Timberlake, seconded by Mr. Castonguay, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Warren Forbes, Gordon Jones and Brenda Merrill as new members, retaining Messrs. Boothby, McNear and Newman, and Mrs. Quirrion.

8. Mr. Castonguay asked about the Highway Department's old air compressor. Mr. Schaub said he and Mr. Ferland had discussed its disposal and agreed a simple bid notice could be posted in the Town Office. They suggested this route as paying for a newspaper notice would probably wipe out the revenue that might be gained from the sale. It was agreed to follow the proposed procedure.

9. Tina Quirrion asked about street lights. She said she heard that Turner has only five and Livermore has more than 50. She questioned why we have so many. Mr. Schaub said that most were approved by Town Meeting votes. He is only aware of one that has been added in the past 12 years, and that's at the intersection of Waters Hill Road and Route 4 following concerns for safety when the highway was realigned. Mrs. Quirrion agreed to work on the matter with Mr. Castonguay and Mrs. Dion, to see how streetlights might be reduced or better positioned. Mr. Schaub suggested the group establish some criteria, such as safety, that can be uniformly applied. He said when the matter was looked into previously, it was noted that there is overkill in some areas while others, with perhaps greater need, have gone without.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub