

**Town of Livermore
Board of Selectpersons
February 12, 2013 Meeting
Minutes**

Present: John Wakefield, *Chair*, Thomas Berry, Megan Dion

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. Highway Foreman Roger Ferland reported the recent hydraulic line problems with the GMC have been taken care of. He believes the problem will recur in another three or four years due to the way they were initially installed. He also said the rear main seal in the F-550 is now leaking but Whited Truck Center, which recently replaced it, is making good on the problem and will replace it at no charge to the town. He said the recent rain/freeze cycles have caused problems with frozen culverts and Ted Berry Company has been called to thaw four so far, with another four or five to go. He said the Volvo wheeler could stand a set of tire chains, at a total cost of about \$280, which was approved. Mr. Ferland said the weekend blizzard didn't hit Livermore as hard as areas to the near south, starting at the south end of Turner. Administrator Kurt Schaub said Androscoggin County Emergency Management is compiling storm cleanup costs, and there is a slight possibility it could qualify for FEMA funding. He and Mr. Ferland are putting together Livermore's costs for submission. It was agreed to schedule a meeting of the Road Committee for 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 22. Lastly, Mr. Ferland said a carbide cutting edge lasted 27 storms, versus an average of three storms for traditional steel.
4. Mr. Schaub presented his Treasurer and Administrator reports. He said he had to tap the TAN line of credit for \$20,000, but that was typical for this time of year. He also reported the Highway Department had received two free, gently used radios via Androscoggin County Emergency Management. He said that 40 lien maturity notices were sent for unpaid 2011 property taxes. At the time of mailing, \$33,710 in taxes still was due. Liens will mature on March 14. He provided an update on Transfer Station operations, noting that the new solid waste disposal and transportation arrangements are performing as expected, and the town is on track to save \$10,000 per year. Lastly, he said the town's attorney received a settlement offer for the timber trespass incident at the Memorial Forest. The offer, made by the cutter's insurance company, is for the full amount contained in the demand letter (\$40,690), plus an amount for professional services utilized in pursuit of the claim. He said a vote should be taken to accept the settlement offer and that someone would need to be authorized to sign it on behalf of the town. A motion was made by Mr. Berry to accept the offer, who added that he would have preferred to see a higher amount to cover reforestation. Ultimately, he said he agrees with the offer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dion and unanimously approved. Mr. Schaub was authorized to sign the agreement. Mr. Schaub also reported on a conversation he had with Selectperson Wayne Timberlake on a recent Maine Townsman legal note suggesting that towns vote an appropriation from Overlay to fund tax abatements. The January edition contains several recommended articles. Mr. Schaub also reported he had a call from Leeds resident and former legislator Rodney Jennings who urged Livermore's Board of Selectpersons to oppose legislation that would permit Livermore Falls to secede from Androscoggin County and become a part of Franklin County.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub