

**Town of Livermore
Board of Selectpersons
March 11, 2013 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 February 25, 2013 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. A single bid was opened for the sale of the Highway Department compressor. The bidder was Ronald Greenwood, for \$56.09. Administrator Kurt Schaub noted that notice of the bid had been posted in the Town Office on February 20, and it had been agreed not to advertise the bid as the cost of doing so would likely outweigh the amount received for it. On a motion by Mr. Castonguay, seconded by Mrs. Dion, Mr. Greenwood's bid was unanimously accepted.
4. Town Clerk Renda Libby announced that nomination papers for elective offices would become available on Monday, March 18. The return deadline is May 2. She said the following offices are up this year: Selectperson, 3-year term (currently held by Mr. Berry), Selectperson, 2-year term (currently held by Mr. Timberlake), and RSU 73 Board of Directors, 3-year term (currently held by Diane Gould). She also said her training on payroll has been going well, and that the office is running well. She said municipal elections are scheduled for Tuesday, June 11. Mr. Schaub said this would be a good time to set the date for Town Meeting. Mr. Berry asked how others felt about holding it on a Saturday instead of a weeknight. With consideration given to the many school-related events that time of year plus recollections of the modest turnout at the last Saturday Town Meeting many years ago, it was agreed to continue holding it on a weeknight. Mr. Schaub will check with the Elementary School and Moderator Darryl Brown to see about their availability the evenings of June 12 and 13, in that order of date preference.
5. Highway Foreman reported on the Road Committee's plan for this summer, which is to do maintenance paving on Gibbs Mill Road and to begin culvert and reconstructive work on the south end of River Road. He said he's having second thoughts, given the growing need to repair and/or replace cross culverts on both roads. He said he's particularly sensitive to the complaints about cross culverts at the north end of River Road, which are especially troublesome at this time of year. He and his crew spent a day and a half filling the culvert dips with sand to, hopefully, avert damage to vehicles. He also said that he doesn't want to see sinking culverts on Gibbs Mill Road after spending \$170,000 to pave it, and that they've had better success with culverts that have set for a year prior to paving. Historically, the cross culverts on River Road were replaced approximately 10 or so years ago, using poor quality gravel. That gravel has eroded, which has caused the roadway to sink. Two of those culverts were re-set approximately five years ago, and the contractor used higher quality gravel, causing the travel way at the culvert locations to stay relatively in place while the surrounding roadway heaves and sinks with the frost. Ideally, a gravel mix should be used that replicates the material in the surrounding roadbed, so it all heaves and sinks together. Borings will be required to determine that mixture. Mr. Ferland also reported that Howie's Welding estimated it would cost \$1,100 for basic repairs to the sub-frame and dump body on the 2001 F-550. Or, he said, the town could purchase a replacement dump body and spend \$600 to \$700 on the sub-frame alone. Howard P. Fairfield has a dump body in Connecticut that was purchased new, never installed and has been sitting for seven years. He said it could be purchased for \$1,700 and installed on our truck. The total cost to upgrade the body in this fashion is roughly \$3,000, after sand-blasting and painting. On a motion by Mr. Timberlake, seconded by Mr. Berry, it was unanimously agreed to purchase the dump body for \$1,700.
6. Mr. Schaub presented his Treasurer and Administrator reports. He noted that Dorothy Hiscock is most likely Livermore's oldest resident, and a presentation of the Boston Post Cane will be scheduled for some

time in April. He said county and state officials have completed their work for the February blizzard emergency declaration and the request is now on the Governor's desk. Once signed, it will go to Washington to the President's office, via FEMA. He also provided a town-by-town financial impact rundown of the Governor's proposed budget, excluding schools. A hearing will be held in Augusta on Wednesday afternoon with many municipal leaders expected to testify in opposition to the suspension in Revenue Sharing and other elements. Related to this effort was a draft proclamation prepared by Maurice Castonguay for presentation to local legislators. It was agreed that Rep. Knight knows exactly where Livermore stands, having attended the January 28 Selectpersons meeting, which was shortly after the budget was unveiled. On a suggestion by Mr. Wakefield, the matter was tabled. Mr. Schaub also presented the latest correspondence from MMA attorney Susanne Pilgrim on Strickland Ferry Road. In keeping with her suggestion, Mr. Schaub was asked to obtain an estimate of the legal expense involved in asking a court to declare the road closed, based on the 1950 and 1952 actions. Mr. Schaub will contact attorney Lee Bragg. Lastly, Mr. Schaub reported that 2011 taxes were still owed on 15 properties, for a total of \$13,897.00 due. Foreclosures will take place automatically on Thursday, March 14.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub