

**Town of Livermore  
Board of Selectpersons  
March 25, 2013 Meeting  
Minutes**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. Highway Foreman Roger Ferland reported there had been a few washouts as the result of snowmelt and rain, the worst of which were at the south end of Norlands Road and along the edge of Strickland Ferry Road in a shaded area on the hill. He said all have been repaired but that pavement repairs will be required. Mr. Castonguay said he would like to see the ditches in those trouble spots cleared of snow prior to runoff next year to prevent a recurrence. Mr. Ferland also reported the replacement dump body for the F-550 is in. This is the dump body that H.P. Fairfield had ordered several years ago for a customer who never took delivery. He said Howie's Welding quoted in the range of \$2,500 to \$3,000 total to sandblast, paint and mount the new body, plus the necessary repairs to the lift components on the truck. This would bring to an upper end total of \$4,700 for the replacement, versus \$8,500 to \$10,000 had a totally new body been ordered. He also reported Howie's said the town should be able to sell the old body for roughly \$1,200 to \$1,500. Mr. Berry asked if the body should be put out to bid. Mr. Schaub said he recollected a \$1,000 minimum threshold for a bid. Mr. Wakefield said the town can put it out to bid with a minimum in mind, and reserve the right to reject any and all bids if they don't meet the minimum the town believes it should receive. Mr. Ferland said he would like to have the body mounted this year, if funds permit, but understands it will most likely be after July 1.
4. Administrator/Treasurer Kurt Schaub presented his written reports. He said that seven properties had foreclosed on March 14, and certified letters were sent to the former owners advising them of the town's redemption policy. Under that policy, the owners have until the close of business on April 16 to pay all outstanding taxes, interest and fees to redeem their properties. After that, the town can sell them. He also said word has not yet been received on the FEMA disaster declaration for February's blizzard. As for Strickland Ferry Road, he presented an email from attorney Lee Bragg advising of the cost of an action to declare as discontinued the portion from the former Parker place to the Androscoggin River. Attorney Bragg suggested first raising the matter at Town Meeting, the result of which could eliminate the need for a judgment. Resident Randy Terrill reminded those present that he was told the town would maintain the road prior to building his house in the early 1990s, only to find out otherwise after it was done. Mr. Schaub said his review of the history of it reveals ambiguities and contradictions. It was agreed to place two articles on the Town Meeting Warrant. The first would be to discontinue the road from Mr. Terrill's residence east to the river, and the second would be to re-vote the 1950 discontinuance. The second would be required only if the first fails. Lastly, Mr. Schaub reported that the Cemetery Committee met and reviewed the mowing \$17,500 contract price proposed by T & T. Their 2013 price was \$15,999. The report from the Cemetery Committee is a recommendation that the contract be approved, given T & T's assurance that future increases will be minimal. On a motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Dion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the cemetery grounds maintenance proposal submitted by T & T, at \$17,500. Mr. Schaub also announced that both Moderator Darryl Brown and the Livermore Elementary School Gymnasium have been secured for the annual Town Meeting, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12.
5. In the area of new business, Mr. Wakefield discussed the prior week's snow storm and his making the decision to close the office at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19. When he contacted the Transfer Station, he was told the crew there would rather stay and get paid. To clarify the issue, he suggested a policy that employees should be paid if the town's management make the decision to close the office, and not to pay any employee who opts not to come in on bad weather days. He offered that as a motion which was

seconded by Mrs. Dion and unanimously approved. Resident Tina Quirrion inquired about purchasing the old road grader that, many years ago, was purchased by the town and used by the Highway Department. Mr. Schaub elaborated on the conversation he had with Mr. Quirrion earlier in the day. He said the grader was effectively banned by OSHA for safety reasons many years ago and, for longer than the 12 years that he's been around, it has been housed at the Quirrion farm but used by a variety of residents – not by the Highway Department. The town has exerted no control over the piece of equipment, and his understanding was it just “floated”. Mrs. Quirrion said she is interested in purchasing it as so they can have some assurance it will be returned to them once somebody has used it. She said she and her husband would continue to make it available, as before. Mrs. Quirrion offered \$250 for the grader. Mr. Castonguay said he has seen similar devices advertised for \$1,200 to \$1,500, and that the town might get more than Mrs. Quirrion's offer if it was put out to bid. He added that he'd rather see it stay in town. On a motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Castonguay, it was unanimously agreed to sell the old grader to Mrs. Quirrion for \$250.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub