

**Town of Livermore
Board of Selectpersons
April 22, 2013 Public Hearing and Meeting
Minutes**

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

Public Hearing

1. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. The Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit applications for the Tavern at Maple Lane were reviewed. Mr. Timberlake asked if both were renewals. Applicant David Weston said they were.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting and April 11, 2013 meeting with the Budget Committee were accepted as presented.
3. On a motion by Mr. Castonguay, seconded by Mr. Timberlake, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit applications for the Tavern at Maple Lane.
4. Town Clerk Renda Libby was not present for a report. Mr. Wakefield reported he had spoken with Mrs. Libby about the petition presented during the April 8 meeting (Administrative Assistant position being elective rather than appointive), and Mrs. Libby said there were sufficient signatures on it to place it on the Warrant for June's Town Meeting. He said he'd had a question about revising the wording of the requested article. He said the Selectpersons have no choice but to place it on the Warrant as presented. On a motion by Mr. Wakefield, seconded by Mr. Timberlake, it was unanimously agreed to place the article on the Warrant for June's Town Meeting.
5. Resident Richard Parker inquired about a maintenance project he would like to undertake along the right of way that passes through the Memorial Forest. Administrator/Treasurer Kurt Schaub said a right of way had been granted years ago to a predecessor owner of land west of the Memorial Forest. At the time, the town granted it also to the grantee's "heirs and assigns", meaning that it is still active. It is not defined by a metes and bounds survey, but it is recorded. He added that he had advised Mr. Parker to attend the meeting and request permission as the maintenance would likely involve removal of a few trees, which have grown in along the right of way over the years. On a motion by Mr. Timberlake, seconded by Mr. Castonguay, it was unanimously agreed to allow Mr. Parker to perform the requested maintenance along the right of way.
6. Highway Foreman Roger Ferland reported the town dodged a bullet on the evening of April 12 when upwards of six inches of snow was forecast but nothing more than a coating materialized. Regardless, remount plows and prepare, as the equipment had been removed and prepped for painting. He also provided an update on the leak in the F-550. The rear main seal was suspected as the leak started right after it was replaced. Whited put dye into both the engine oil and transmission, which didn't show in the leak. They wound up pulling the transmission and found the leak was due to a bad gasket in the bell housing on the transmission, which wasn't a problem when the rear main seal was replaced. The cost was

\$18.00 for the seal and \$1,400 for labor. He said he was disappointed as he believes Whited should have anticipated this and suggested replacing it when the truck was pulled apart for the rear main seal work. Mr. Ferland said he'd looked further into the purchase of a 10,000 pound capacity utility trailer rather than the 7,000 pound unit he had originally suggested. The price of a 10,000 pound trailer is \$3,300, which is \$500 more than the 7,000 pound trailer. Mr. Castonguay asked about the size of the trailers. Mr. Ferland said the heavier trailer is two feet longer, which will make it harder to turn. He added that, for its anticipated use, he didn't see the need for the heavier unit. On a motion by Mr. Timberlake, seconded by Mr. Berry, it was unanimously agreed to stick with 7,000 pound trailer, and include its \$2,800 cost in the Highway Department budget recommendation.

7. Mr. Schaub presented his Treasurer and Administrator reports. He said the cash balance very clearly reflects the April 16 tax due date, and it does not include the early payoff of the TAN and the April school payment. He said all but one of the foreclosed properties was redeemed, and that quitclaim deeds were prepared for the final ones that were. The one that was not is an older mobile home that sits on rented land. He said he would look into the town's options and report back at a later meeting. He said he met with a representative from FEMA for the town's reimbursement for February blizzard plowing expenses. The forms are now filed and the total claim came to \$12,206.41. Mr. Schaub said the 2014 Municipal Revenue Sharing estimate is now on the state website. Absent raids or elimination altogether, Livermore is projected to receive \$185,007 in the coming fiscal year. He provided a copy of the final budget recommendations (absent the Selectpersons recommendation on the Highway budget), and said he would have the Warrant ready for review prior to the next meeting.

8. Mr. Castonguay asked about how staff mileage is calculated. Mr. Schaub said there is no firm policy but suggested that it should be the shorter of an employee's home or base of operations (i.e. Town Office, Highway Garage, etc.) to whatever the destination happens to be. The exception to that would be, for example, if the Highway Foreman is using his own truck to check roads and he begins at his own driveway. It was agreed to utilize this policy. Mr. Wakefield asked about setting up an informational session to go over the proposed streetlight reductions. Mr. Castonguay said the work is done, but that Tina Quirion has the materials.

9. A letter from Sen. Garret Mason was reviewed. In it, he provided an explanation on how the state arrived in the budgetary mess it presently finds itself and requests concrete suggestions on ways to repair the system. Mr. Castonguay said drug testing of welfare recipients would be a good start. It was agreed to focus a response on raising the sales tax, delaying the income tax reduction and setting the meals and lodging tax at a more realistic level.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub