

**Town of Livermore
Board of Selectpersons
June 3, 2013 Meeting
Minutes**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. Highway Foreman Roger Ferland reported the rented excavator was delivered the prior Friday and the town will have it for three months. The first priority will be maintenance ditching, with the months of July and August dedicated toward capital improvement work. He said the 2006 International needs its starter replaced, which he anticipates will be done at the Highway Garage by Steve Sawtelle, saving the cost towing the truck to Morrison and Sylvester in Auburn. He also said they are trying to smooth some of the worst portions of the town's gravel roads. Mr. Wakefield asked about Hahn Road, which he said is in very poor condition. Mr. Ferland agreed, and said that was one of the roads the Road Committee has plans to revert back to gravel. Mr. Berry asked how the reclaim is holding up on Israelson Road. Mr. Ferland said it's holding up pretty well but could use more, which he hopes to add when the road is graded later in the summer. He said that road is generally graded every other year. He said he would like to use reclaim on more roads but cannot, due to the cost.
4. Administrator/Treasurer Kurt Schaub presented his written reports, including an up to date chart on Excise Tax revenues. He said excise tax revenue is ahead of projections, and may well end the year over budget. He presented the Town Meeting Warrant, the Adult Entertainment amendment to the Site Plan Review Ordinance and the revised Floodplain Management Ordinance for certification signatures as they are to be posted the following day. He said the Warrant has been adjusted to accommodate the request of the Planning Board to withdraw from consideration five of its proposed amendments to the Site Plan Review Ordinance. He also presented a draft Municipal Financial Procedures Policy for consideration, and a copy of the auditor's letter of recommended changes. He said he'd had a conversation with Leon Bucher about the possibility of doing some tree thinning at the Pines Conservation Area on Round Pond. Mr. Boucher reports the department would be agreeable to the work, provided the town works with a licensed consulting forester to develop the harvest plan and oversee the work. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for June 19. He also discussed the problem of roadside trash. He said both the Town Office and Transfer Station often hear complaints that the town should take responsibility for discarded furniture, mattresses, tires, etc., that show up on the roadsides, or should waive the disposal fees for well-meaning residents who take the initiative to haul such materials to the Transfer Station. He said the town doesn't have a budget to accommodate waste at no charge, and the general fear among staff is that there would be no end to roadside dumping if word got out the town would pick it up. He said they don't wish to discourage residents, but people need to look at this problem as a crime, which it is, and report it to law enforcement if they see it happening. It was agreed the town cannot afford to accept these materials at no charge. Lastly, he said the Boston Post Cane presentation would be scheduled for some time in July.
5. In New Business, Mr. Wakefield noted that this is the last meeting for Tom Berry and Wayne Timberlake, and that he wanted to express thanks, on behalf of the Board, for their many years of service. Mr. Berry was first elected in 1998, and Mr. Timberlake in 2001.
6. Resident Dwight Hines said the federal government would be auctioning a substantial amount of surplus equipment in the next few years. He also asked if the town would consider developing an incentive program to improve employee health. He said it could set an example for the community and that other employers that have implemented programs have seen savings from reduced health insurance

premiums and less absenteeism. Mr. Schaub agreed to look into the availability of any structured programs that might be available through the Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub