

**Town of Livermore
Board of Selectpersons
August 26, 2013 Public Hearing and Meeting
Minutes**

Present: Megan Dion, *Chair*, Peter Castonguay, Mark Chretien, Rodney Newman, John Wakefield

Public Hearing – General Assistance

1. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. General Assistance Director Sue Sapiel reviewed the proposed GA maximums (effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) and appendices (effective October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014). All have increased. She said there were 13 applicants in fiscal 2013 (9 received benefits), and 16 in fiscal 2012 (15 received benefits). Mr. Wakefield asked about state reimbursement for GA expenses. Ms. Sapiel said the town is reimbursed for 50 percent of all GA expenses.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the August 12, 2013 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. The proposed General Assistance maximums and appendices were considered. On a motion by Mr. Wakefield, seconded by Mr. Castonguay, the proposals were accepted. The state forms were signed.
4. Administrator/Treasurer Kurt Schaub discussed the proposed \$250,000 Tax Anticipation Note, which had been put out to bid. He said a TD Bank representative had sent an email indicating they do not write as-needed municipal loans. The only bid was from Androscoggin Bank, at 2.67 percent. On a motion by Mr. Wakefield, seconded by Mrs. Dion, the Androscoggin Bank bid was unanimously accepted.
5. Town Clerk Renda Guild reported that tax payments are coming in and that she has heard few complaints so far. She said there have been a number of address changes, which is typical. She said her accounts payable training is going well and that the time clock has been easy to use. She said that she has been punching in when she arrives, though she has no expectation of being paid any additional wages for extra time – just the usual 72 hours every other week. Mr. Newman said that could become a problem as the law generally requires that employers pay the time that is actually recorded. Mrs. Guild said that she generally comes in prior to opening to accommodate residents that can't make it in during regular office hours and she feels that using the time clock discourages that practice, and the personal touch she likes to provide, despite not expecting additional pay.
6. Mr. Schaub reported on behalf of Highway Foreman Roger Ferland who is on vacation. He said Mr. Ferland has requested use of an additional person to assist with potholes. In the past, he has utilized one of the fill-in people from the Transfer Station. Mr. Schaub said the request was made as the crew cannot keep up with filling potholes given the repairs needed from the heavy rains that have plagued the region all summer. It was agreed to allow the additional person for two to three weeks. Mr. Schaub said Mr. Ferland would also like approval to purchase an additional 1,000 yards of cold mix for \$8,560. He said he would have preferred to take this to the Road Committee first but they are not scheduled to meet until

September 5 and the supplier is getting ready to make the mix in the next several days. The mix will be used to stabilize crumbling pavement on Robinson Road and in other locations, and will be spread with the rented grader that will be in town the following week. The Highway Capital Improvement budget was reviewed, and it was noted that a balance of about \$40,000 will remain after this expense and all approved projects are completed. On a motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Castonguay, it was unanimously agreed to purchase the additional cold mix. Mr. Castonguay asked about getting an earlier start on roadside mowing, as the shoulders are getting bad. Mr. Schaub said the mowing is due to start in the current week and suggested Mr. Castonguay speak with Mr. Ferland about the timing, though he understands Mr. Ferland was holding off as the budget only allows for one mowing per season. Mr. Castonguay also asked about the crew's availability on Fridays to make emergency repairs. Mr. Schaub said he was unaware of any unaddressed emergencies, and again suggested that Mr. Castonguay speak directly with Mr. Ferland.

7. Mr. Schaub presented his Treasurer and Administrator reports. On the financial side, he noted that budgets have been added to the financial statements, which can only be done following tax commitment. He said tax bills were mailed on August 19. He said he was pleasantly surprised by this year's dividend check from MMA Risk Management, which increased from about \$900 to nearly \$2,000. He said the Solid Waste Board will meet the next night to consider removal of items from the Transfer Station metal pile, and that the Road Committee is scheduled for September 5. He presented the Ballot for members of the Androscoggin County Budget Committee from the district that includes Livermore. Following discussion, on a motion by Mr. Wakefield, seconded by Mr. Castonguay, it was unanimously agreed to cast the town's ballot for Errol Additon of Leeds and Jim Collins of Livermore Falls. The ballot was completed and signed. Lastly, Mr. Schaub provided correspondence he had exchanged with MMA Legal Services regarding Dwight Hines request that the town refer his complaints of intimidation and harassment to the town's attorney. MMA Staff Attorney Amanda Meader wrote that responsibility for investigating crimes rests with the designated law enforcement agency (Androscoggin County Sheriff and Maine State Police), and not the Selectpersons. Mr. Newman asked if any action is presently required by the Selectpersons. Mr. Schaub said none is advised. Mr. Newman said he couldn't agree more. Mr. Hines said he couldn't agree less and, "we are now on our way to court". He suggested the Selectpersons are not living up to their oath of office and that Selectpersons have the ability to enact ordinances, among other things. Mrs. Dion and Mr. Schaub pointed out that, in a Board of Selectpersons/Town Meeting form of government, only the people who attend a Town Meeting can vote to enact an ordinance, and that the oath of office is to "support" the Constitution. Mr. Castonguay asked Mr. Hines if he has contacted the Sheriff's Department with his concerns. Mr. Hines said he has not.

8. Mrs. Dion asked Mr. Schaub if he had done anything yet about getting water coolers for the Town Office, Highway Garage and Transfer Station. Mr. Schaub said he had not as yet but suggested having the water at the Town Office tested first, given that the well pump and pressure tank have just been replaced, prior to investing in a cooler and making a financial commitment. Mr. Castonguay agreed. Mrs. Dion also asked if Mr. Schaub had done anything about purchasing tools for the Transfer Station. Mr. Schaub said he would authorize Juanita Jordan-Bryant to purchase what she needs.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub