

**Town of Livermore  
Board of Selectpersons  
February 10, 2014 Meeting  
Minutes**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting were accepted as presented.
3. Highway Foreman Roger Ferland reported the sand pile has been replenished. He said there is no additional news on the GMC's wiring harness problem, and it now needs new front end universal joints. He said the original universals had no grease fittings. The replacements will have grease fittings.
4. Administrator/Treasurer Kurt Schaub presented his reports. On the financial side, he also provided a the monthly Excise Tax revenue chart, which indicates collections are about \$12,000 ahead of last year. He provided an update on safety program progress, to come into compliance with the Bureau of Labor Standards requirements. He said he and Mr. Ferland have completed a number of items and should have the Highway Department paperwork portion completed soon. After that, it's on to the Transfer Station. He also discussed recently completed training. Mr. Schaub said Municipal Revenue Sharing is again on the front burner in Augusta as more than 100 municipal leaders attended a recent hearing to encourage the legislature to maintain funding for the property tax relief program. He said notices of pending foreclosure were sent to the owners of 29 properties on which 2012 property taxes have not yet been paid. He reported the Ad-hoc Committee on Education held its first meeting and acknowledged that splitting from RSU 73 will likely cost more than the current assessment, but it is still worthwhile to look into the cost of alternatives. Specifically, they want to see how the town would fare if it sent students to neighboring districts on a tuition basis. They plan to meet again to review those figures. Mr. Schaub provided an update on the Oxford Recycling organization. He said the group agreed to move the organization to a single-sort recycling program with an anticipated changeover in the fall. Much work remains to be done, he said, including the processes to select disposal and transportation vendors. Livermore should plan, he said, to install a second compactor at the Transfer Station in which all recyclables will be placed. Mr. Schaub said he doesn't anticipate that Livermore will save money with this transition, but residents will save time by having a single place to deposit recyclables. Mr. Schaub suggested the Road Committee hold a meeting to determine its upcoming work program. It was agreed it will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, at the Town Office. He also suggested that it would make sense to begin planning for the fiscal 2015 budget. It was agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Budget Committee and department heads at 6:30 p.m. on February 26. Mr. Schaub's letter to Katherine Botka on the Goding Road drainage problems was reviewed.
5. In New Business, Mr. Newman said he's had three complaints on the Transfer Station. He said the gates aren't opened until 8:00 a.m. even though staff is on site. He said if staff is present, the gates should be opened. Mr. Schaub said the Transfer Station Operations Manual provides that one employee is to be at the facility one half hour before opening to inspect it for illegal dumping and prepare it for opening. The second employee comes in at the 8:00 a.m. opening time.
6. In correspondence, Mrs. Dion responded verbally to a letter she had received from resident Dwight Hines. She discussed the history of the Administrative Assistant position and the process by which the board might include suggested articles on the Town Meeting warrant. Referencing a list of possible warrant articles included in the January 27 minutes, Mr. Wakefield said that state law has towns' hands tied when it comes to offering local property tax exemptions.
7. Mr. Hines said he filed a complaint with the U.S. District Attorney regarding newspaper advertising requirements for governmental notices in Maine. He also said that Portland is getting rid of its

recyclables for free and that towns should be able to as well. Mr. Schaub said that there may not be any disposal costs for recyclables, the cost of transporting those recyclables also must be considered, and distance from the disposal site is a factor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub