

# Town of Livermore

## Board of Selectpersons

December 1, 2014

### MINUTES

Members present: Mark Chretien, Tim Kachnovich, Rod Newman, Megan Dion, Peter Castonguay arrived at 6:26 pm

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

- Approval of the minutes of November 17, 2014, meeting

A motion was made by Rod Newman to approve the minutes as presented; second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

- Reports
  - Highway Foreman

Mr. Ferland was not present.

- Treasurer Report
  - Monthly excise tax calculations were presented, Ms. Byron stated that the amount was low but continued to follow trends from prior years
  - LRAP funds were received: \$48,780
  - Still receiving property tax payments
  - There continues to be an issue with checks being bounced and stop payments being placed on them. Office Administration would like to implement a policy for collecting the bank fee from the customer. Carrie will draft a policy.
  - An abatement in the amount of \$2,333.25 and a supplement in the amount of \$2,207.76 for Steven Ames was presented. At some point, his property was accidentally split into two real estate accounts. This action again combines the lots.

A motion by Rod Newman to approve the abatement and supplement as presented; second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous

- Ms. Byron will be attending end of year report training on the 18<sup>th</sup> in Bangor.
- The auditor will be back at the end of the month to complete the FY2014 audit.
- Administrative Report
  - The town received four bids for the trailer: \$53.50 to Tim Cox.

A motion was made by Rod Newman to award the trailer bid to Tim Cox in the amount of \$53.50; second by Megan Dion. Vote: unanimous.

- Mr. Ferland brought to Carrie's attention the condition of Keith and Marcus Streets. There was discussion on how many years in a row the residents need to be reminded that they are responsible for the care and maintenance of a private road. The board directed Carrie to notify the property owners that they need to fix the road to the best of their ability given the time of year if they wish the town to continue winter maintenance. If the road continues to deteriorate to a condition that will cause damage to the Town's equipment it will not be plowed by the Town.
- Community Center lease agreement – Carrie will be meeting with Tim Cox this week to get changes from their group and will bring them back to the board prior to sending it for legal review.
- Administrative Assistant Contract will be sent for legal review.
- The board was advised of a thank you that was received for the parking space at the cemetery on the Goding Road.
- Carrie read a letter from Carol Johnson commending the Juanita and Jim for their work on implementing single sort recycling.
- John Wakefield has applied to be on the Budget Committee. This committee is now full
- Tom Posa has agreed to be on the Planning Board. There is still one vacancy on this committee.
- Carrie and Amy will be meeting on Thursday with Karen from Pine Tree Waste and Juanita to review recycling numbers.
- The salt shed blocks are set. Carrie is still having a hard time finding someone to do the repair work.
- There is a tractor in the right of way on Butter Hill Road. Carrie and Mr. Newman went to speak with the owner and ask that it be moved back so as not to inhibit plowing. The owner stated that it would not start but that he had someone coming to help him and it would be moved.
- Richard Marble sent a letter to a Poland Hill Road resident regarding work that has been done to the road.
- The Town Office will be closed on Friday, December 26, 2014. Town Staff will have the option of using a vacation day or a personal day.
- The Town Office will be closing at 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 30, 2014, for year-end reporting.
- Carrie reminded the board that she will be at the Elected and Appointed Officials workshop at MMA Tuesday evening.
- There will be an AFLAC representative at the Town Office on Thursday for anyone interested in learning more about his or her coverage options.
- Carrie was the only team member to attend the Truck Registration class. It was discovered that she will also need to attend the two prior classes that will be held next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was discovered that Amy has not been to the DMV classes. She will attend next week as well with Carrie.
- New business
  - Channel 7 – Mr. Haynes presented historical information on Channel 7.
  - There are currently only four people working with Channel 7. He has tried unsuccessfully to recruit and retain volunteers for 12 years.
  - He has researched various methods of payments for taping and producing programming.

- He requested the town's franchise fee as well as an additional \$6200.00 to continue the programming.
  - It has been suggested that there be a joint meeting with the three towns.
  - Mr. Haynes stated that if this proposal does not work, the town will receive a refund of funds.
  - There was discussion on where the equipment is housed. Currently it is in a computer lab at Spruce Mountain Middle School. Mr. Haynes is looking for a place with 24-hour access. He will be meeting with Supt. Haley next week to see if there is space at the Cedar Street Complex.
  - Mr. Newman expressed his concern with the long-term financial implications of this proposal. He made a correlation to the costs associated with the ski slope. Mr. Haynes stated that the town controls the cost.
  - A board of directors will be formed.
  - Carrie will represent the board at a joint meeting with the other towns.
- Public Comment

Mr. Hines provided public comment.

- Adjourn

A motion was made by Megan Dion to adjourn at 6:45 pm; second by Mark Chretien.  
Vote: unanimous.