

# Town of Livermore

## Board of Selectpersons

March 9, 2015

### MINUTES

Members present: Tim Kachnovich, Rodney Newman, Mark Chretien, Peter Castonguay, Megan Dion

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approval of the minutes of February 23, 2015, meeting

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

3. Reports

- a. Highway Foreman

- Road posted sign are going up tomorrow 3/10/15
- Peter Castonguay reported that there is a crack on top of the hill just below the farm driveway. Roger will notify the contractor.
- JCB Loader arms – Barry from Howie's Welding come to the garage and recommended that Roadside, LLC complete an ultrasound. The report from Roadside, LLC, stated that the arms are rusted from the inside. Their recommendation is to replace the arms prior to using. Roger has a price from Nitco for \$7400 installed with one week lead time. There are four in stock—Peter Castonguay noted that this appears to be an issue since there are so many in stock.

A motion was made by Tim Kachnovich to purchase loader arms; second by Rod Newman. Vote: unanimous.

- Rod suggested that the JCB be repaired and given to the transfer station and a new backhoe be purchased for the highway department.
- Peter would like to see the highway department get a new loader and not another backhoe.
- Roger will ask Doug Gordon if he is willing to rent his loader to the town for a week while the JCB is being serviced. Rod offered to rent his for \$25 per hour if no other was available.
- Roger has spoken with John Johnson about their Ford 550 trucks. They are getting their trucks with heavy framing on the right side for reinforcement to compensate for the wing. Peter would like to see the highway department get rid of both small trucks and purchase one wheeler.
- If they get a loader, have it set up with a sweeper on the front for road sweeping.
  - 2 ½ to 3 yard loader

- b. Treasurer Report

- Excise tax for February was \$28000, up from last year.
- We have collected \$9700 so far for March
- Tax money still trickling in . The second half of taxes is due on April 15. Someone finally paid online.
- 30 day foreclosure notices expired at 6 pm today. We have 6 accounts in that status.

- Employee check stubs are now being printed with vacation, sick, comp time. It was previously done by hand.
- Administrative Abatement for the estate of Hines to correct a bookkeeping paperwork was signed.

c. Administrative Report

- Boston Post Cane will be presented on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- We are receiving weekly spring flooding reports from MEMA-Androscoggin
- Livermore will be doing their own Household Hazardous Waste collection day on August 15.
- Carrie is still working on pricing for the phone and internet at the highway garage. Time-warner is checking on the potential savings for changing the phones at the Town Office and Transfer Station.
- Carrie is waiting for pricing from RaNor for a replacement furnace at the Highway Garage.

4. Old business

- a. Community Center Lease – The lease was signed by the board chair and the president of the association. The first years’ rent payment (\$1.00) was paid by Tim Cox and will be framed and put on display in the Town Office.

A motion was made by Rod Newman to execute the Community Center lease as written; second Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

- b. CASE Backhoe – the board received a list of required repairs provided by Murray’s. It will be taken out of service.

5. New business

- a. JCB backhoe – see highway foreman report
- b. Abatement for Estate of Earl Hines – see treasurer report

6. Public Comment

Mr. Hines provided public comment.

Rene Grondin asked if the article for ATV reimbursement will be on the warrant.

Tim Cox reported that Donald Castonguay, Fire Chief, inspected the community center. They need two CO2 alarms and to have the fire extinguishers updated. They reported that the rental fee may increase in the future based on other area comparisons.

Rod Newman asked Mr. Hines if he was able to hear the conversation during the meeting. He replied that he could hear everything just fine and that he was scheduled to have a hearing test on the following day.

7. Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841(2) – Abatement

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:58 pm was made by Rod Newman; second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

Out of executive session at 7:23

A motion was made by Rod Newman to approve the poverty abatement FY2015-1 provided the required paperwork is provided within 7 calendar days, or a certification by an accountant that there was no requirement to file a tax return; second by Peter Castonguay. Vote: unanimous.

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm was made by Megan Dion; second by Peter Castonguay. Vote: unanimous.