

Town of Livermore

Board of Selectpersons

April 6, 2015

MINUTES

6:00 pm Public Hearing: discontinuance of winter maintenance on the following private roads: Wyman, Brewster, and Bryant.

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Wyman Road resident, Chris McHugh, stated that the last board concluded that as long as he didn't sell the property or it stayed in his name it would continue to be plowed by the town. No minutes are available. He contacted John Wakefield and he stated the same. He was unable to contact Brenda Merrill nor Tom Berry. When the property was purchased, it was his understanding that it was a town road. He asked that this board continue what the other board approved. Mr. Newman stated that there was a structure built where there had been a turnaround thus making it difficult for the plow trucks to turn. Mr. McHugh stated that he was going to have some groundwork done for enlarging the turnaround.

Corey Brewster stated that he was under the assumption that it was a public road. When he purchased the property a few years ago he assumed that it was a town road and it would have been a deciding factor had he known it was a private road. He wants compensation if the town stops plowing.

The public hearing was closed at 6:14 pm

Present: Rod Newman, Mark Chretien, Megan Dion, Tim Kachnovich, Peter Castonguay

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm

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

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

3. Discontinuance of winter maintenance

Megan Dion mentioned that issues around truck repairs and risk to employees have been raised. Peter Castonguay stated that taxpayers are questioning why we are plowing driveways. That is the perception.

Tim Kachnovich asked Mr. Brewster if he could make the turnaround larger. He stated that he leaves a parking spot for the truck to turn. This road serves one property.

Both Wyman and Brewster Roads serve one residence each.

There are no residences on the Leavitt Road Extension. The house burned.

A motion was made by Rod Newman to table a decision on Wyman and Brewster Roads pending further investigation; second by Mark Chretien. Vote: unanimous.

Following a public hearing pursuant to Title 23 MRSA §2953(2), and due deliberation, it is the opinion of the municipal officers of the Town of Livermore that the private roads designated below will no longer receive winter maintenance by the Town, its employees or designees.

A motion was made by Mark Chretien that the select persons order the discontinuance of winter maintenance of the unknown private road aka Leavitt Road Extension; second Rod Newman. Vote: unanimous.

4. Executive Session – Personnel Matter 1MRSA §405(6)(A) Town Administration

A motion was made by Rod Newman to enter into executive session at 6:32pm; second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

Out of executive session 6:41pm. No action was taken on the executive session.

5. Reports

a. Highway Foreman – Mr. Ferland had nothing to report this evening.

b. Treasurer Report

- Excise tax is looking good this year. It is up \$5,500 from the same month last year and we are on target to exceed the estimate.
- Tax money for the April payment is rolling in.
- We will have no foreclosures this year.

c. Administrative Report

- Carrie thanked the board and the budget committee for their help and input into the budget and the process.
- Carrie attended a meeting with Grow Smart Maine this afternoon that is planning a community forum for an implementation grant of \$500 dedicated to an activity involving the Livermore Community Center.
- Work on the Town Report has started
- Carrie signed the application for the FEMA funds from the blizzard in January. The next step is a meeting with a field representative for verification of the associated documents.
- Work on the yearly solid waste report is in progress. Our recycling rates continue to look good.
- A reminder of the school budget hearing tomorrow night.
- Carrie thanked Megan Dion for going to the Victorian Villa to present the Boston Post Cane to Dot Hiscock.

6. Old business – no old business

7. New business

a. Cemetery mowing bids: 3 year contract; 2 bids received:

- T & T Lawncare: \$17,499.96 for 2015; \$17,999.96 for 2016; \$18,499.96 for 2017
- David Lovewell: \$17,500 for all three years.

A motion was made by Rod Newman to accept Lovewell's bid in the amount of \$17,500 for all three years for the cemetery mowing contract; second by Peter Castonguay. Vote: Yes - 4. Tim Kachnovich abstained.

b. CASE backhoe bids: 4 bids received.

- Dave Richardson Excavation : \$7,820.00
- Robert Hastings: \$5,151.50
- Adelard Castonguay: \$2,308.53
- Roy Howes: \$10,000

A motion was made by Peter Castonguay to accept Roy Howes bid of \$10,000; second by Mark Chretien. Vote: unanimous.

8. Public Comment

- Mr. Hines provided public comment.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Rod Newman to adjourn at 7:03 pm; second by Peter Castonguay. Vote: unanimous.