

Town of Livermore
Board of Selectpersons
July 13, 2015

MINUTES – amended per 7/27/15 meeting

Present: Tim Kachnovich, Tom Gould, Megan Dion, Mark Chretien, Peter Castonguay

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. *Approval of the minutes of June 29, 2015, meeting*

A motion was made by Tim Kachnovich to approve the minutes as presented; second by Mark Chretien. Vote: affirmative Tim Kachnovich and Mark Chretien; negative: Peter Castonguay, Megan Dion and Tom Gould. Motion failed.

- Megan Dion stated that the discussion under employee compensation was not complete and wanted to strike that part of the minutes.

A motion was made by Megan Dion to approve the minutes as amended; second Peter Castonguay. Vote: affirmative: Peter Castonguay, Megan Dion, Tom Gould, Tim Kachnovich. Mark Chretien abstained.

2. *Reports*

a. *Highway Foreman*

- The highway crew has been trying out excavators for the past four months. The favorite is the Linkbelt. It has no burnoff system; has a tier 3 Isuzu motor. Pricing: \$120,815 with the head, thumb, and two buckets. Flail mower is not as effective as the mulching head. Warranty is a 3 year–no touch warranty. Amy Byron questioned whether they have in-house financing. Roger Ferland will check with the salesperson. Peter Castonguay asked Ron Greenwood whether he had done research on the different manufacturers. He stated that the Hitachi and Linkbelt are similar with only minor differences; size is same as Hitachi (17,000 lbs). Peter Castonguay requested that Roger Ferland check into whether Hitachi parts will fit into a Linkbelt machine. There is only one distributor in Skowhegan. The demo machine has performed well so far. Megan Dion asked if it was large enough for the work they do. Mr. Ferland responded that for the money available it is adequate. The larger machines are too much money. Safety glass has to be installed on the front when using the mulching head. Lexan will scratch and we may have to resurface and or replace it. Mark Chretien stated it is a good warranty with 3 years and 3000 hours. Amy Byron requested a timeline for securing funding. Roger Ferland will call the sales representative tomorrow and set a meeting.

A motion was made Mark Chretien to purchase the Linkbelt 75X3 with attachments as presented; second Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

- In the road committee meeting it was discussed to purchase a box sweeper with the remaining funds appropriated at Town Meeting. It would alleviate the need to hire sweeping each spring and it is a maintenance issue. Tom Gould asked whether it was within guidelines if we can do it or not. The warrant article was checked and it is specific. The purchase would require a special town meeting. Carrie was asked to include this item in the budget for FY2017. Amy Byron reminded the board that any time the Town takes out a loan it requires attorney fees.
- River Road – there is more gravel under the surface than expected. The Town will not have to purchase as much gravel. In areas where it was expected to find clay there was approximately 12 - 18” gravel. Carrie received a complaint about the dust today and she went down and spoke with Manzer. They will remedy the situation.
- The road crew has been replacing culverts on Shackley hill. A large rock has to be removed from the road.
- The Road Committee discussed Bowles Road and Center Road; bring in grader and roll over. Peter asked if the short end of Strickland ferry could also be done. Roger is going to scarify it when he rents the grader if there is money available. Ron Greenwood stated that the Road Committee wants to know how the board feels about turning some roads back to dirt. Peter Castonguay stated that some low traffic roads are better off gravel. There was discussion on gravel needs to bring the above-mentioned roads’ grade up to above the shoulders. Peter Castonguay asked if Hahn Road was on the list to turn back to gravel.
- Botka Hill – Manzer gave a budget number. Carrie is concerned that we will not have enough time to go to bid. Peter Castonguay questioned when the last time work was done to Botka hill. Ron Greenwood said it was close to 15 years ago. Ted berry lined catch basins. Megan Dion questioned the use of warm mix on the road versus cold mix. Roger Ferland stated it would be about a 10 year fix either way. Hot top is currently on the hill. If the hill did not have the existing infrastructure in it already, it would not be an issue.

A motion was made by Mark Chretien to have Manzer do the Botka Hill work and the South Road if the money is there; doing Botka Hill first; second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

- Peter Castonguay stated that there is a crack on Richmond Hill Road that needs to be blown-out and sealed. Roger Ferland will speak with Dale in Wilton to see if he can trade use of the equipment for a day when they rent it.

b. Treasurer Report

- Excise tax is \$40,890 for the month, which is ahead of the budget amount. This is a nice strong start to this fiscal year.
- Tax money is still coming in. Carrie sent out post cards and we have seen positive response.
- The pre-audit is done.
- The fiscal year-end has been completed without incident with the exception of the Treasurer’s computer crashing. Expenet will put a rush on the new computer
- Budget numbers for FY17 are in TRIO.
- TAN solicitations to four banks are complete. Proposals are due 7/24, and will be opened 7/27.

- Johnny Castonguay took care of a tree at Brettuns Beach. It was questioned whether the invoice is the responsibility of the Town or the Pond Association. Peter Castonguay asserted that it is the Town Beach; it is the Town's bill.
- Equipment financing – Amy asked if the board wants her to solicit funding options from various banks or go with a known entity. Megan Dion directed her to compare rates with a couple banks. Peter Castonguay stated that he just bought a piece of equipment for 0% financing; equipment dealers may have 0%. Amy Byron/Roger Ferland will check with the salesperson.
- Sand/Salt Shed – there was discussion on separate financing or use of the TAN. Amy Byron will call MMA to see if a separate loan must be obtained to meet the warrant article language.
- The MOSES interface has been rolled out and appears to be working well. The only glitch so far is with roll-out day and cash-up for that day.

c. Administrative Report

- There is a regularly scheduled board meeting on Labor Day. The meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 6:30 pm.
- Carrie ordered 525 tons of salt through AVCOG.
- The Transfer Station had a site visit from a new DEP inspector. The report was made available. Juanita has already remedied most of the issues that were found. The Town will have to apply for an amended license and file a revised site plan.
- 30-day notices will be mailed on July 27 followed by Liens on August 27.
- Salt Shed – discussion on the potential of tarring in front of existing shed so we do not lose the salt. Megan Dion questioned what we were going to do with the existing shed. We have to use it as there is no other storage facility for salt at this time. The public must be kept out of the building.

3. Old business

a. Sand/Salt shed:

- Tom Gould did a site visit to Buckfield. Their shed has 8' walls. There was concern from the state about a door; their crew states it is not a concern and they do not want one. Concrete walls need to be treated every couple of years for a cost of \$1200 each treatment. Peter Castonguay saw evidence of cement dust coming off the walls. The Buckfield shed has a capacity of 2800 yards. It has no access door – state regulation states it is needed. Buckfield did not use state reimbursement program funds. The cost was \$128,700 and their road crew assisted with the construction. They put all materials out to bid and utilized the municipal discount. Tim Brooks was the engineer.
- Peter Castonguay went to Leeds. They have their shed tarred. Leeds likes their system; it is easy to mix and load. Leeds has a cupola with a fan. Need to have ventilation, as it does not suck enough air out of the structure with just vent fans. Ventilation also needs to keep moisture down in the summer and exhaust out of the structure.

- Tom Gould and Megan Dion went to Hebron. They have 12' walls with no backfill and the back wall is collapsing. This structure is only one year old.
- Peter Castonguay stated that the contractor in Buckfield and Hartford (Maynard) does not like the trusses. He prefers the laminated arches. They load with an excavator and it is easier to load with the swing of the arm. They would like to utilize a conveyor system to load.
- Carrie asked for consensus on a type of structure. Peter Castonguay prefers laminated arches. Megan Dion asked if we could use plans from an already constructed shed. Peter Coughlin has provided a list of engineers that was distributed. There was discussion on types of buildings and pros and cons of each. Peter Castonguay asked that Roger Ferland seek prices for a conveyor. Consensus is that everyone seems to like the Buckfield structure. Carrie will call Peter Coughlin to get a list of engineers that have done the wood framed structures with scissor trusses. Carrie will look and see how much property the town owns for potentially building a separate entrance for the highway traffic. Ron Greenwood and Roger Ferland stated that it is a right of way.

4. *New business*

None.

5. *Public Comment*

6. *Adjourn*

A motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm was made by Megan Dion; second by Mark Chretien. Vote: unanimous.