

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2017
6:30 PM

Present: Tom Gould, Megan Dion, Mark Chretien, and Tim Kachnovich (Absent: Wayne Timberlake)

Guests: Dwight Hines, Francine Castonguay, Ben Campbell, Randy Nutt

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes - January 10, 2017
 - a. Megan made the motion to accept the minutes as written; Second by Tim.
Vote: unanimous
3. Reports
 - a. Town Clerk Report - None
 - b. Highway Foreman Report – Roger Ferland
 - i. Roger reported the Highway Department has been busy plowing, sanding and fighting ice. The injector in the GMC was replaced. When they arrived at the garage the next morning, they found fuel leaking from the truck. The tank was removed, and welded. The truck has two more issues – one in the drive line (which has been taken care of) and transfer case mounts need to be replaced. Murray’s Truck Service has warned Roger that there are a few more issues coming – one should be ok until summer (new budget) and the yoke in one axle could go any day. Roger doesn’t have an estimate yet; he is hoping to limp it through until spring.
 - ii. Roger reported that the arms on the JCB are tweaked and it popped the clip on one side. He doesn’t know when or how it happened. He found the clip on the floor of salt shed. NITCO came up and assessed the damage and found a worn pin. Roger was able to get a mechanic at R.S. Pidack’s to pull the arm back into place and replace the pin.
 - iii. Tim asked Roger about the Sand Shed – Roger reports it is under half full.
 - iv. Roger has completed Reasonable Suspicion Training. (This training involves detection of impairment due to alcohol or drugs.)
 - v. Tom asked Roger about the bill from R.S. Pidack’s on the last warrant for moving sand as the bill higher than we had discussed. Tom reminded Roger and the Board that any bill above \$2,500 requires a

Board vote. There was discussion regarding the necessity to get the pile moved and the fact that Pidack's is nearby. Megan reminded the Board that this type of action still requires a vote. Tom feels the Board should have been apprised of the situation and voted in order to make sure we are following policy. Megan stated there is also a concern because the parties have no contract/written agreement – although Bob Pidacks is trustworthy, the Town needs to be careful.

- vi. Tom asked Roger about the amount of money that has been spent on the GMC. (Specifically – is this typical of this type of truck at its age?) Tim stated that other Towns have had similar issues. This model is notorious for wiring issues, injector problems, and front end issues. Roger suggested maybe the Town should consider trading it in toward another wheeler and use the Ford for back roads. Megan said that was something the Board has considered a few years ago. Roger said it would cut an hour of the routes. Tom felt it might be a tough sell at Town Meeting. Tim felt it was worth looking into.
- vii. Megan asked Roger about staffing – specifically does he feel he has sufficient help? Roger stated, in general, during larger storms, they try to work 16 hours and take 5 hours off. Megan & Tom stressed that it is important to have help available so the crew can get a rest break. Roger will make sure we have ample help for this weekend as we are expecting 10" or more.

4. Treasurer Report – Amy Byron

- i. Amy reported that the Excise Tax for January was \$23,729.97, which is 88% of the monthly goal. Excise Tax collected to date in February is \$6,566.75, which is 24% of our monthly goal. Amy thinks we will make up the short fall due to a Fleet Registration still due in February and the fact that March and April tend to be busier months for new car registrations.
- ii. Amy reported that there are 22 accounts in Lien Status for 2015 totaling \$17,445.99. Five accounts have been paid off since the last meeting.
- iii. Amy reported that there are 84 accounts in Lien Status for 2016 totaling \$72,632.20. Two accounts have been paid off since the last meeting.

5. Administrative Report – Amy Byron

- i. Amy reported that the Planning Board approved the Dollar General Site Plan Review Application. Amy attended two breakfast meetings this week – one with the Superintendent and one with the Chamber. Amy has completed the Reasonable Suspicion Training and has filed the documentation for herself and Roger. Amy has received the County Tax Appropriation and has had a conversation with one of the Commissioners in regard to the large increase. Amy has several meetings coming up including the RSU 73 Budget Meeting on Thursday and Pine Tree Waste on Monday. The Assessor will be in the office

Friday. BLS Training has been scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:30 AM. Amy asked the Select Board about scheduling joint Budget Meetings with the Budget Committee. It will be scheduled similarly to last year. (Every other Wednesday evening in March)

6. Old Business

i. Roads Update – Tom Gould

- Tom is awaiting an email from Lee Bragg in regard to Cozy Cove Road. Tom presented a “boiler plate” easement – we just need to plug in numbers. Tom noted that the road description provided for Cozy Cove Road doesn’t cover the map included. It does reference a fee interest by Mark Freedland. Tom thinks we are OK, but we should talk with Lee Bragg to make sure. Tom asked how the Board wanted to present cost estimates. He said we should include hours, wear/tear on equipment, and liability. He suggested we should do a cost comparison to show highway department maintenance vs. contracted maintenance. He has talked with Peter Coughlin for fair cost rates, but is cautious because he doesn’t want to over inflate the numbers. The DOT survey for 2010 would put the cost at \$7,500 for 1/3 mile. Tom thinks we should be OK to move forward to Town Meeting.
- In regard to Keith St., there is a possibility that we can claim prescriptive use. We are awaiting a decision from the attorney.
- There was a discussion regarding a possible discontinuance of Wyman and Nelson Pond Roads. Both roads dead end both serve one residence each. The general consensus was that this warrants consideration. The recommendation is to get two independent assessments for loss of value. Most likely the residents on these roads will contest. Tom will speak with Paul on Friday. Ben Campbell asked about Nelson Pond Rd. He has looked at the boundaries and survey. He thinks it appears to end at the culvert at Jean Castonguay’s. Tom said that years ago, part of the road was discontinued and now it appears to end right at the resident’s barn. Roger said the truck used to turn around at Jean Castonguay’s gate – Roger thinks it changed since he has been here.

7. New Business

8. Public Comment

a. Dwight Hines: Dwight has not had a chance to review the response to his FOAA requests. He reported that Gov. LePage has taken initiative to take care of elderly residents facing foreclosure. There is no bill yet, but he expects something will be coming along.

b. Ben: Ben reports that plowing across public roads is a problem facing our plow truck drivers. It was decided that the drivers should notify Roger or Amy. Amy will send a notice to persistent cases. (Roger will provide drivers with a notebook.)

9. Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matters

a. 7:27 PM

Megan made a motion to enter Executive Session; Second by Tom. Vote: unanimous

b. 7:55 PM

Mark made a motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Megan. Vote: unanimous

→ Encourage Department Supervisor (Roger) to document areas of concern and to use spares when necessary – especially if employees are tired after long shifts OR if additional employee training is needed.

10. Adjourn - 7:56 PM