

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2017

6:30 PM

PRESENT: Wayne Timberlake, Megan Dion, Mark Chretien, Tim Kachnovich, Tom Gould

GUESTS: Dwight Hines, Ron Greenwood, Brenda Merrill, Francine Castonguay, Randall Nutt, Richard Damon, Roger Ferland

Public Hearing

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Review of Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit Renewal Applications from Rodney Newman (Tax Map R06 Lot 7) and Richard Damon (Tax Map R01 Lot 81)
 - a. A member of the Select Board asked if any changes had been made at Mr. Damon's location. Mr. Damon replied that fill was added.
3. Public Comment
 - a. none
4. Adjourn – 6:31 PM

Meeting

1. Call to Order – 6:32 PM
2. Vote – Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit Renewal Applications
 - a. Wayne made a motion to approve the Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit Renewal Applications. Second by Tim. Vote: unanimous
3. Approval of Minutes - February 8, 2017
 - a. Tom asked for a correction: Section 6, i: The cost estimates came from a University of Maine Study 2010 *not* DOT
 - b. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes with correction; Second by Megan. VOTE: unanimous
4. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report - NONE
 - b. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND
 - i. Roger reported the Highway Department has handled a lot of snow in a short period of time. He also stated that part-time help is needed and we should consider hiring more

fill-in/temporary plow truck drivers. (For various reasons, the fill-in/temporary employees we thought we had are unavailable. The newest hire rode along on various routes, but struggles with manual transmission. Roger didn't want to put him in a truck during the biggest storm of the season. He will work with him over the spring & summer.) There are a few small repairs to be made after the storm. The Wing Tower on the Volvo came apart. This also happened a few years ago and was covered under warranty. Roger has a call in to HP Fairfield to see if this repair will be covered under warranty. A mirror on the GMC needs to be replaced due to an incident on Route 4. The crew is trying to push back the banks & work on intersections. Tim asked about sand at the building. Roger said the building is about a quarter full. (The fan is still not working – Roger has made a number of calls. Electrician hasn't been here.)

c. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy reported the Excise Tax to date is \$11,507.42 – about 42% of the monthly goal. We still have a large fleet registration to do. Amy feels we will meet goal. There are currently 22 accounts in Lien Status for 2015, totaling \$17,445.99. This is unchanged from 2 weeks ago. (These accounts will be entering the 30-day period of redemption after March 27, 2017. This means the owner has 30 days to pay all three years taxes to keep the property out of foreclosure.) There are currently 84 accounts in Lien Status for 2016, totaling \$72,632.20. Two accounts were paid off in the last two weeks. Amy worked with the Auditor today and plans to finish up the Audit tomorrow or Thursday. Amy reminded the Board that Budget Meetings start Wednesday night.

d. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy reported that it has been busy in the office. Renda is on vacation, returning Monday, February 27th. Amy and Jean attended the RSU 73 Budget Meeting Thursday night. Paul, the Assessor, was in on Friday, February 17th. Amy presented an Abatement and Supplement to clean up a property transfer issue. The Select Board approved it. Annual BLS Training is scheduled for Monday, February 27th at 7:30 AM. Amy presented a draft advertisement for the CEO/Plumbing Inspector position. The Board asked Amy to have Richard review it before advertising.

5. Old Business

a. Roads Update – TOM GOULD

- i. Tom reported that Lee Bragg responded to the questions regarding:
 1. Keith St.: In regard to prescriptive use, Lee said, "No" as it would require a court order. There is a possible better option: After reviewing documentation, Lee believes the first section of Keith St. falls entirely on Town owned property. Tom presented a map with labels and asked the Board to review. Lee suggested the Town could begin plowing the first section. The Board, however, is concerned about the Town Equipment Turn-Around. (Lot 20 – owned by Mercier is the preferred turn around. Roger will get in touch with landowner to see if they are agreeable.)
 2. Cozy Cove Rd.: Lee went back to the Title Search (Timberlake's information) – there is a problem, but not one that can't be resolved. Just as Tom and Amy thought, the Timberlake's ownership ends at the corner. The Town will still need easements from the rest of the owners along the road. There is an assumed fee interest by each landowner from the corner to the end of the road. Understandably, the owners don't want to do a title search if the Easement isn't

going to be accepted. Tom felt we shouldn't hold up the process for title searches. Considering other Easements that could be in the works, we want to be careful to treat everyone the same... (At some point, within a short time period of accepting an Easement, we should have title searches in hand.) Do we want to proceed to Town Meeting with the understanding that title searches will be forthcoming? Tom stated that the numbers he got from DOT and presented at the last meeting were astronomically high. He suggested numbers from the 2010 Highway Simplification Study are more in line. In Towns our size, the estimate cost is \$5,000/mile. (with an average cost of \$6,880/mile) Resident Brenda Merrill brought up a concern regarding road width in the "boiler plate" Easement document. She suggested that there are very few roads that are 40 ft wide in Town. She said that since 1989, Easements have been granted at the discretion of the Road Foreman. Tom assured her that the details are still being worked out. She presented numbers from the Maine Townsmen - \$2,200 for 1/3 mile.

3. Paul (Assessor): Tom met with Paul Friday. As we continue to explore discontinuation of two smaller roads, the Town will need value estimates from two independent assessors.

6. New Business

7. Public Comment

- a. Dwight Hines: Mr. Hines is working on several issues involving the AG/ACLU and the Government Oversight Committee. He is interested in information regarding bids/contracts at the State level.
- b. Ron Greenwood: Mr. Greenwood asked which roads are under consideration for discontinuance. Those roads are Wyman Rd. and Nelson Pond Rd.

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

- a. *IN* - 7:20 PM: Wayne made a motion to enter Executive Session per the Statute referenced; Second by Tim. VOTE: unanimous
 - i. *OUT* - 7:35 PM: Mark made a motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Wayne. VOTE: unanimous
 - ii. →Board accepted Randall Nutt's resignation. Randall is willing to serve as a spare driver. Board is glad to have him serve in that capacity.

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

- a. *IN* - 7:39 PM: Mark made a motion to enter Executive Session per the Statute referenced; Second by Wayne. VOTE: unanimous
- b. *OUT* - 8:10 PM: Megan made a motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Wayne. VOTE: unanimous
 - i. →Board recommends Roger contacts and negotiates with potential drivers.

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

- c. *IN* - 8:15 PM: Tom made a motion to Enter Executive Session per the Statue referenced; Second by Megan. VOTE: unanimous
- d. *OUT* - 8:17 PM: Tom made a motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Wayne. VOTE: unanimous
 - i. →Board recommends Roger monitors plowing/shoveling @ Fire Department

10. Adjourn – 8:25 PM