

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2017
6:30 PM

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

GUESTS: Renda Guild, Roger Ferland, Donald Castonguay, Dwight Hines,

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Approval of Minutes - February 21, 2017
 - a. CORRECTION: Tom - Update on Roads: the cost per mile numbers did not come from DOT; they are from the Highway Simplification Study
 - b. CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION: Mark – Damon’s Junkyard Permit Application: the comment regarding fill should be clarified, “Mr. Damon has improved his driveway with gravel fill.”
 - c. A motion was made by Mark to accept the minutes with corrections; Second by Tom. VOTE: unanimous
3. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report – RENDA GUILD
 - i. Renda thanked the Board for allowing the clerks to attend Vitals Training in Augusta. She said she was glad they chose to come in and open for the afternoon as it was busy. Both clerks are now certified in Vitals. Two assessors from O’Donnell & Associates were out performing field work today in preparation for commitment. Renda thanked Donald Castonguay for conducting the BLS Training. Renda stated that Election Papers will be available March 20th. There are two Select Board positions: one 2 year (currently held by Tim Kachnovich) and one 3 year (currently held by Tom Gould). There are also two RSU 73 School Board seats available. (Cindy Young and CeJay Pitcher)
 - b. Fire Department Report – DONALD CASTONGUAY
 - i. Donald gave an update on the Fire Department. He demonstrated a floating pump purchased with Forestry Grant money. (\$2,000) The Department put the new truck online last night. They still need to install radios, chargers, and decals. To date, over 150 volunteer hours have been given getting the truck ready. Donald took those in attendance out to the bay and demonstrated the truck.
 - c. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND
 - i. Roger said the department has been trying to patch using the hotbox. It seems to be working well. They are quite a few spots requiring attention. Several of the trucks have required repairs. The Volvo needs a wing post. The parts are here and it will be delivered to HP Fairfield. The repair estimate is \$2,000 - \$2,500. They recently replaced a front wheel and studs. It may need a hub, but Roger is unsure at this point in time. Tim asked if this is operator error or normal wear/tear. Roger thinks it is from trying to improperly push snowbanks. (The wheel alone cost \$555 at Stratham Tire.) The 2007 International has a broken main spring – both overloads have been replaced in the last

year, but not together. Murrays put heavier springs in it – broke hanger on overload. An Inspection was completed on the JCB and there are some uncompleted jobs from last year, including brake pads and welding on the step. Murrays gave it a sticker with the agreement that brake service will be done. Roger will do job at the garage. Roger has ordered 24 yards of 1 ½ inch gravel and crusher dust mix to be used on culverts starting tomorrow. Tom asked if Roger had any luck getting budget numbers for a truck. Roger stated he had a quote for \$186,000 on a 2017 Volvo wheeler. (This number does not include any trade-in.) Tom asked about the RS Pidacks bill. Roger stated he hires them when necessary to help with heavy drifting and snow plowed into a couple turn-arounds by residents. With this last storm, the Highway Department couldn't keep up with the drifting caused by high winds. Tom asked if we could snow fence. Roger stated we had done snow lines up through the fields years ago. Wayne stated Towns and DOT have stopped using snow fence due to the cost v. benefit.

d. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy reported the Excise Tax collected in February was \$40,978.72. The Excise Tax collected so far in March is \$8,063.17. (30% of our monthly goal) There are currently 12 accounts in Lien Status for 2015. (10 accounts have been paid off since the last meeting.) The 30-day period of redemption ends at close of business on March 27, 2017. There are currently 76 accounts in Lien Status for 2016, totaling \$63,360.44. (8 accounts have been paid off since the last meeting.) Our bank balance continues to look good and if things continue as they have, we won't have to use the TAN this year.

e. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy has been attending the RSU 73 Budget Meetings. As of today, we do not have any estimates on our obligation for FY 2018. Amy met with Paul from O' Donnell & Associates on Friday. They worked on LD1, mil rate scenarios and our position compared to Jay and Livermore Falls in the RSU 73 budget. Paul has suggested we start thinking about a town-wide revaluation in 2020. Amy is currently working with Juanita in regard to three bills going before the legislature. The Planning Board has been busy with proposed changes to Shoreland Zoning, Limited Commercial Zoning, and the Marijuana Moratorium. They hope to have proposed ordinances ready for Town Meeting. Amy reminded the Board of the upcoming Town Budget Meetings on March 15 and March 29. Amy is working on Town Report and would like to get that to the printers by mid-April. Please be thinking about Dedication.

4. Old Business

a. Roads Update – TOM GOULD

- i. The two roads we discussed discontinuing (Wyman Road and Nelson Pond Road) will not be on the Warrant this year as the process takes too long. Tom has talked with 7 assessors to get values and no one has been eager to provide this service. We will look at this issue for next year's Town Meeting. Tom spoke with Ray Quimby and was told the rough cost to assess value to the landowner is \$2,500 - \$3,500 each road. The recommendation is to obtain two appraisals for each road, bringing the cost per road to \$5,000 to \$7,000. Tom said the Town may want to consider an offer to the resident first. We really need to sharpen the pencil and determine the Town cost to maintain. (Estimated \$20,000 is fair.) We don't want to spend money for assessing, etc. and have it shot down. Mark said no maintenance has been done on these roads in a long time. Tom stated there is a 20 year statute of limitations on maintenance. (Roger believes we may have done maintenance on Wyman Road in 2010 and Nelson Pond Road in 2014.) We want to make a fair and honest offer, and then put it before the Town to see if there

is interest in discontinuing the roads before we spend any money. Tom said the reimbursement doesn't necessarily need to be monetary. He stated Jay had done something similar and made an offer of fill of similar value.

- ii. Bryant Road: Information presented by Mr. Donahue given to Tom. Tom has started researching and found circumstantial evidence of intent. Tom did not find any evidence yet of vote at Town Meeting.
- iii. Cozy Cove Rd.: Tom asked if any information has been turned in at the Office. (Not to date.) He suggested we follow up with Brenda Merrill as we don't want to miss our window to get this on the Warrant for Town Meeting. (The Board needs to decide on some details and fine tune the Warrant Article. Amy said the Board has a month or so before the Warrant needs to go to the printers. Tom said we need to research a Turn-around agreement, making sure we have correct information as to the landowner at the end of Cozy Cove Road.
- iv. Keith St.: We need to set up a meeting with Roger and James McDonald to discuss the possibility of a turn-around agreement.

5. New Business

6. Public Comment

- a. DWIGHT HINES: Dwight has been busy sending out letters; going slow. He finds there are bad records in many places. (4 police departments/1 sheriff's department) Dwight doesn't think MMA is giving good advice...we need good records. He stated he is learning a lot...

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

- a. *IN* - 8:04 PM
- b. A motion was made by Wayne to enter Executive Session; Second by Tim. VOTE: Unanimous
- c. *OUT* - 8:11 PM
- d. A motion was made by Megan to exit Executive Session; Second by Tim. VOTE: Unanimous
 - i. →We appreciate his service, but the Town is not in a position to negotiate on the Personnel Policy. (Amy will draft a letter to Randy Nutt and send on the Board's behalf.)

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

- a. *IN* - 8:13 PM
- b. A motion was made by Wayne to enter Executive Session; Second by Tim. VOTE: unanimous
- c. *OUT* - 9:11 PM
- d. A motion was made by Wayne to exit Executive Session; Second by Tim. VOTE: unanimous
 - i. →The Board authorized Roger to offer his first choice applicant \$15.75/hour. If refused:
 - ii. → Roger can offer his next choice \$15.00/hour. When Roger is comfortable with the Training, bump to \$15.25/hour. For Both employees, when certified - \$15.75/hour

9. Adjourn – 9:14 PM