

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

May 30, 2017
6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS: Mark Chretien, Tom Gould, Megan Dion (Wayne Timberlake & Tim Kachnovich absent)

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Juanita Jordan-Bryant, Roger Ferland

RESIDENTS: Dwight Hines, Raymond Castonguay

PRESS: Pam Harnden

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Approval of Minutes - May 16, 2017
 - a. CORRECTION: Tom suggested omitting the phrase “even those” in the Roads Update. Tom made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected; Second by Megan. VOTE: unanimous
3. Reports:
 - a. Transfer Station Report – JUANITA JORDAN BRYANT
 - i. Juanita reviewed pricing with eWaste and Northcoast. Juanita’s recommendation is to go with eWaste for cheaper pricing. We will be paying for some things that we don’t currently pay for, but other things are free. (One example was Laptops - currently free, after July 1 - \$15) Juanita reviewed the pricing on PCBs, nonPCBs, and Mercury. (The pails are provided free of charge.) (Pickup - \$0 eWaste; \$45 Northcoast) Tom asked if this is a contract. Juanita stated this is not a contract. They will honor pricing for one year. Juanita feels it makes sense to go with the lowest price; and if pricing changes, we can come back to the table. She will check prices again in a month before we switch. Resident Dwight Hines asked about competitive bid. Juanita stated there are only two providers in the State – eWaste and Northcoast. Disposal Prices will be passed on to the resident. There will be some startup costs, but Juanita expects at least \$9,000 savings right out of the gate.
 - ii. Will be signing up for Veolia for lamp recycling.
 - iii. Mark made a motion to go with eWaste; second by Megan. VOTE: unanimous
 - b. Town Clerk Report – AMY BYRON (FOR RENDA GUILD)
 - i. Amy reported that ATV stickers are available. The Clerks have been busy and have done quite a few boat and vehicle registrations.
 - ii. The Town Report was dedicated on Thursday, May 25th. Mrs. Boothby was very surprised.
 - iii. Absentee Ballots will be available Thursday, June 1.

- iv. Voting will be Tuesday, June 13, from 8 AM – 8 PM in the Fire Station. Renda could use some help with setup.
 - v. The RSU 73 Warrant is posted. (The Vote will be held the same time as the State and Municipal Referendums.)
 - vi. Renda would like to have an Open House for Richard Marble before his retirement. The Board agreed it was a good idea.
- c. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND
- i. Sweeping: Roger reported most of the Town has been swept; there is a little clean up left to do.
 - ii. Grading: Roger provided a list of material used. He tried to clean up some of the smaller roads. (Tom asked if this was a normal amount of gravel used. Roger said yes, about once a year.)
 - iii. JCB backhoe: Roger had a pressure test done. The leak may be due to the plastic cap. Megan asked if it was due to over filling. Tom asked if the backhoe was overheating. Roger said neither problem was obvious. Roger will replace the cap and monitor.
 - iv. Roger took a phone call from a Resident regarding a tree at Brettuns Pond Beach. The tree is dead and the resident offered to cut it down. Tom reminded Roger that if the tree is on Town Property, we are responsible. Roger agreed. Roger has spoken with Johnny Castonguay. Johnny would cut down the tree for \$200 and the Highway crew would clean up. Roger would need to close Keith St. temporarily and contact Walton's to confirm they are OK with dropping the tree on their property.
 - v. Roger reported that beavers have moved into the swampy area on Route 108 near the Route 4 intersection. Roger has contacted the State as it is their responsibility.
 - vi. Roger met with David Trask on Friday in regard to pavement issues at the Sand/Salt Shed. They have agreed to grind two sections and redirect water away from the door. Megan asked if the fan is fixed; Roger reported it appears to be fixed and it ran well over the hour he was at the Shed. David Trask will be back in July to do the paving work. We will hold contingency money until complete.
- d. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON
- i. Amy reported that Excise Tax collected to date in May is \$55,221.15, which is 203% of the monthly goal.
 - ii. Our bills are current and our balances are sufficient to cover 3 months expenses as recommended by the Auditor. We have not taken any advances on the TAN this fiscal year – something that has not happened for a long time.
 - iii. Amy has obtained a Deputy Treasurer and will be training her as available.
 - iv. Amy provided information on the DOT reimbursement for the Sand/Salt Shed project. There was some discussion on converting to long-term financing. Amy will ask about prepayment and if prepayment would decrease the amount of interest paid. Amy asked the Board if they wished to finance bond counsel fees. It was decided to pay those fees out of pocket.
- e. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON
- i. Amy reported the Office closed on Thursday, May 25th so that staff could attend Tom Richmond's funeral.
 - ii. Amy reported that both she and Roger have unused paid time off that will most likely end up unused and lost. She asked the Board if they wished to either compensate the employee or allow them to roll the time as a one-time exception. The Board did not want to set a precedent by doing either. It was noted that this is not an uncommon occurrence...it has happened to Roger in the past. (Amy has 40 hours Vacation Time on the books. Roger has 72 hours Vacation and 16 hours Personal Time on the books.)

- iii. Amy will be attending the MMA Risk Management Breakfast Thursday, June 1.
- iv. Amy reminded the Board that the Office will be closing at noon on Friday, June 30th so that she can close out the books for the Fiscal Year.
- v. The Town Departments will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
- vi. Demolition will begin when the Office closes on Thursday evening. New Carpet will be installed Friday morning and new counter on Friday afternoon.
- vii. Paul Binette from O'Donnell & Associates will be in the Office Friday.

4. Old Business

- a. Roads: Tom spoke with Chris McHugh regarding Wyman Road. He is agreeable to talking with the Town in regard to a possible settlement for the discontinuance of the road. Tom has not made contact with the residents on Nelson Pond Road.

5. New Business

- a. none

6. Public Comment

- a. Dwight Hines:

- i. Mr. Hines is glad I got the letter regarding the cemetery mowing bids. He doesn't know what the outcome will be. He noted there is a substantial difference between low bid and the next bid. He reported that he tried to talk with someone in Augusta today. (He said over 400 towns belong to MMA – and he believes they are crippled under the workload.) He has spoken with the Low Bidder – he thinks he is busy with housing and maybe doesn't want to get involved legally.
- ii. Mr. Hines asked about meeting with the Auditor in Executive Session. Tom confirmed that it was an appropriate Executive Session before entering the meeting. The Board assured Mr. Hines the discussion involved personnel and best practices in regard to job duties NOT finances.

7. Adjourn – 7:16 PM