

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2017

6:30 PM

BOARD: Scott Richmond, Megan Dion, Wayne Timberlake, Tom Gould, Mark Chretien

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Roger Ferland

RESIDENTS: Don Nadeau, Rene Grondin, Noel Grondin, Ben Guild, Dwight Hines, Sherry Labbe,

PRESS: Pam Harnden

MEETING

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Dwight objected to the meeting based on a perceived lack of response to his FOAA request for copies of the Select Board Packets. Amy referenced her response and that it was a duplicate request from October 2016.
3. Approval of Minutes - July 11, 2017
 - a. Megan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Second by Mark.
VOTE: Unanimous
4. Reports:
 - a. ATV Club – RENE GRONDIN
 - i. Rene reported that several clubs have asked for permission to run Hathaway Hill Road for one summer. Rene thinks that is “iffy” and it scares him to ask for the whole summer. He would like to ask for permission for one day - September 2 for a club ride from Canton to Grondin’s to Long Green Variety. The ride will start at 10 AM. Rene has talked with Brian Milligan from Conservation Department in regard to the distance on a Town Road. He also discussed the distance on Crash Road, but it was not advised as there is no break down lane.
 1. Mark made a motion to grant permission for the one day ride; Second by Wayne
 2. Discussion: The trail used to run 9/10 of a mile on Hathaway Hill Road. Part of the trail was shut down by two property owners. The Conversation Department told Rene it was a Town decision to allow ATV use on Town Roads.
 3. VOTE: unanimous
 - ii. Rene stated he is going to try to get back into Meadowview when a nonresident returns in September.
 - b. EMS/First Responders – BEN GUILD
 - i. Mr. Guild gave an update on EMS. They have been in service 1 ½ years and are averaging 20 – 40 calls/year. They are currently @ 26 calls for the year. Things are

going well and they have gained membership. They hope to apply for more equipment grants as they become available.

c. Town Clerk Report – RENDA GUILD

- i. Two Cemetery Lot Conveyances to be signed

d. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND

- i. Roger reported that Robinson Road Capital Road Improvement Project was discussed at the Road Committee Meeting last week. The Committee decided to hire Bruce Manzer. He stated that he had received a quote of \$3,000 from R.S. Pidacks to take care of the ledge on Robinson Road and a quote of \$4,000 from Johnny Castonguay for tree removal. (He also had a quote from Tim Smith for \$6,750.) Megan asked if the job has been put out to bid. Roger responded that Board decided it didn't need a bid. Mark stated Manzer was only bid last year.

1. Mark made a motion to award the \$320,000 job to Bruce Manzer; Second by Wayne
2. Discussion: Wayne stated Manzer has treated the Town well and he has a good reputation. He also said it is tough to put a job out to bid without engineering specifications. Megan felt there is a process to be followed. Tom recognized the work is a known quality, but feels the Town could get into trouble if we don't put it out to bid. He recognized that time is tight, but suggested we could put it out to bid and require it back by the next meeting. Mark disagreed stating he has been the lowest bidder for the past 7 years.
3. VOTE: 2 – yes votes (Mark, Wayne); 3 – no votes. (Scott, Megan, Tom) **Job will be put out to bid, with bids due back by Monday, August 7 at 6 PM.**
4. Mark made a motion to award the ledge removal job to R. S. Pidacks; Second by Wayne
5. Discussion: There are 4 spots @ the edge of road. He will use an excavator equipped with a hammer.
6. VOTE: unanimous
7. Mark made a motion to award the tree removal job to Johnny Castonguay; Second by Wayne
8. Discussion: Scott asked about the number of trees to be removed. Wayne thought there would be a couple of truck loads. Tom asked if landowners were on board. Roger stated yes and that most were with the Right-of-Way.
9. VOTE: unanimous

- ii. Roger notified the Board that there is an issue with the turn-around on North Turkey Lane. The turn-around has been fenced in by the new landowner. Amy has been in contact with the land owner and is awaiting a response. The lack of a turn-around affects the School Bus and Town Trucks.
- iii. The Highway Department has been patching and repairing washouts and is working on Norton Road.
- iv. Tom posed a question regarding the number of Selectmen also serving on the Road Committee as 3 Board members results in a quorum. The discussion involved the need for Committee members and encouraging participation, but we want to be above board. Amy will verify with MMA.

- v. Roger has ordered 300 ton of Cold Mix.
- e. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON
 - i. Amy reported that Excise Tax collected to date in July is \$21,152.33 – 78% of our monthly goal if based on last year’s Revenue Projection.
 - ii. Amy prepared and sent out 153 30-day notices yesterday for 2017 Real Estate Taxes. This is 34 less notices than we prepared last year. 😊
 - iii. Amy notified the Board that she will be meeting with Paul from O’Donnell and Associates on Friday to discuss the decreased Homestead Reimbursement expected for FY 2018.
 - iv. Our balance continues to hold steady and we are in a favorable position.

f. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy notified the Board that Matt Dion has stepped down from the Planning Board and asked the Board to approve two new members: Kathy Perkins and Justin Shink. Megan made the motion to approve both members; Second by Scott. VOTE: unanimous
- ii. Amy stated that the entrance to the ball field on Route 4 is in bad shape and that cars are driving across the grass to avoid damage. She has contacted DOT but has had no response. The Board asked Roger to deliver and spread a load of gravel.
- iii. Amy said that the Code Enforcement Officer’s Schedule is posted on the Town Website. She said that Travis has been very busy. Amy and Travis are working on updating the Dog Control Ordinance per request of ACO Richard Burton. (The revised edition will include the fine for violations.)
- iv. Pollard Scholarship Applications are available and will be reviewed and awarded at the next meeting on Tuesday, August 8.
- v. Fire Chief Don Castonguay would like to purchase 3 8-foot tables for the meeting room. These will fit the room better than the u-shaped desk that was donated by RSU 73. (The u-shaped desk has been donated to Livermore Falls.)
- vi. Amy notified the Board that she will be attending NIMS 402 Training in August.
- vii. Amy will be meeting with Jay, Livermore Falls and Ron Jacques to explore the possibility of a boat launch at Spruce Mountain Ski Slope.

5. Old Business

a. FY2018 Wages/Salary Review

- i. Transfer Station
 - 1. The Board reviewed the request for raises of .75/hour for Juanita and Jim. Amy confirmed there is sufficient money in the budget. The Board felt this raise would bring the pay closer to “in range” and will re-visit a second increase during Budget Meetings.
 - a. Mark made a motion to give both employees .75/hour increase; Second by Scott. VOTE: unanimous
- ii. Deputy Treasurer
 - 1. TABLED – more information required

6. New Business

a. Open Tax Acquired Property Bids

- i. R11 – 11:
 - 1. \$6,767; deposit of \$700; Rodney Newman
 - 2. \$6,300; deposit of \$1200; Johnny Castonguay
 - a. Mark made a motion to award the property to Rod Newman; Second by Scott VOTE: unanimous
- ii. R06 – 17:

1. \$1,001.25; deposit of \$200; Ben Guild
2. \$1,001.99; deposit of \$150; Tiffany Pacher
3. \$516.95; deposit of \$55; Tim Cox
4. \$305.00; deposit – all; Don Moreau
5. \$525.00; deposit - \$200; Johnny Castonguay
6. \$510.00 deposit - \$51.00 James Windover
7. \$656.00 deposit - \$100; Rod Newman
8. \$828.00; deposit - \$100; Adelard & Ruth Castonguay
 - a. Mark made a motion to award the property to Tiffany Pacher; Second by Megan VOTE: unanimous

7. Public Comment

a. BEN:

- i. Ben presented some ongoing issues with the Public Beach at Brettun's Pond, Keith St. Several residents are cleaning up trash quite regularly. He pointed out that there is a Town Ordinance against glass containers at the beach and there is a sign stating, "No alcohol/glass". Someone walks the beach a few times a week, and they usually fill a trash bag. This includes items such as human diapers, trash, cigarette butts, and heroin needles. He pointed out that this could be a liability to the Town as it is Town Property.
- ii. Cemetery – donation of time/Effort to repair; would like to see us make a gesture of help; recognizes how hard it is to enforce.
- iii. The discussion included:
 1. There has been a Trash Can, but it was abused and removed.
 2. Addition of another sign (Roger said there is a spare sign at Garage; Board asked him to install near the porta potty.)
 3. Game Camera
 4. No Town Employee to ensure compliance
 5. Limited Authority – Limited Liability (Town exempt)
 6. Abuse of parking; it was suggested that parking should be on only one side of road. (Amy will order signs; Roger will install.)

b. DWIGHT:

- i. Mr. Hines reminded the Board this is an election year and suggested there are structural changes coming. He referenced the need for economic development and the economic forecast.
- ii. He referenced a case where MMA was sued two years ago for using taxpayer money to fight against citizen petition. He stated they are being sued again for antitrust action.
- iii. Mr. Hines has concerns regarding the competitive bids process

8. Adjourn