**TOWN OF LIVERMORE**

**Special Board of Selectpersons**

**MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**September 29, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**BOARD:** SCOTT RICHMOND, MARK CHRETIEN, RANDY OUELLETTE, JEREMY EMERSON, BRETT DEYLING

**DEPT HEADS:** AARON MILLER

**RESIDENTS/GUESTS:** CHRIS MCHUGH, ANDREW SYLVESTER, ROBERTA MANTER, RON GUAY, AMY BYRON, DAVE DAMON

**PRESS:** PAM HARNDEN

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing Comments

The floor was opened to abutters of Wyman Rd.

Chris McHugh explained that he has “been going through this since 2010. Then, the board said as long as we live there it would be a town-maintained road. That was one of the reasons why we bought it.”

He said Wyman Rd. is the only way he can get from Route 4 to his home.

“I’ve done all I can do to help with everything - cut trees, power lines were raised up,” he said. “I created different places for the snow to go. There is over 25 feet where snow can be pushed. There is only two vehicles in the yard.”

Representing McHugh, Attorney Ron Guay, pointed to Title 23 §3201 saying that the town must make the road passable.

“I would ask you as town officials, if he can plow his driveway, can he plow a town road?” he asked. “I don’t think you can allow him to plow the town road.”

He added that if the board votes on discontinuing winter maintenance, it can’t be changed for a year and that they would be left with no other option to go into “further remedies.”

Andrew Sylvester said that this has been an ongoing issue with discontinuing some roads in town.

“It’s my understanding that about five years ago, there was a consensus at town meeting at one time that we would keep the road open,” he said. “It needs to be maintained.”

Dave Damon asked the selectboard to “do the right thing.”

Brett said that maybe the board’s next move should be to discontinue the road.

“To plow one person’s driveway for how many years and to go through this is silly and we need to figure out how to discontinue the road,” he said.

Roberta Manter, founder of Maine R.O.A.D. Ways, a group seeking solutions for “Maine’s orphaned roads,” said that the law changed a few years ago, requiring a year-long process to all abutting landowners to secure easements. She added that the law also allows for compensation.

Mark motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Brett; 5-0.

1. Special Selectboard Meeting

The meeting was called to order.

Brett said that the board should review this matter further with legal. Scott agreed.

Mark motioned to adjourn, seconded by Brett; 5-0; at 6:28 p.m.