

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2017
6:30 PM

BOARD: MARK CHRETIEN, SCOTT RICHMOND, MEGAN DION

DEPT HEADS: ROGER FERLAND

RESIDENTS: DWIGHT HINES, DON MOREAU

PRESS: PAM HARNDEN

MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes - September 5, 2017
 - a. Megan made a motion to approve the minutes; Second by Scott.
 - b. VOTE: unanimous
3. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report – N/A
 - b. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND
 - i. Roger updated the Board on the estimated cost to repair the 2007 International. Roger stated the estimated cost ranged from \$7,300 to \$8,630 depending on whether it needs a head gasket or a head. Murray's has not given an estimate and could not do the work until the end of October. Justin Merrill came back with an estimate of \$7,300 and could do the work in the next few weeks. (It will take him 1 – 1½ weeks to get parts.) If the head is ok, should be looking at approximately \$3500. Roger reminded the Board it is not uncommon to find a crack in this motor. Mark made a motion to approve up to \$7,300; Second by Scott VOTE: unanimous
 - ii. Roger said Bruce Manzer should start on Robinson Road by the end of this week. He reported that culverts and ditching are done and the brush has been cut back.

- iii. Roger updated the Board on finding a Fill-In Worker. There is one application to look at. He has spoken with Patrick Downing and Randall Nutt and they would like to be on call. This would give us a total of three Fill-In workers.
- iv. Roger notified the Board that there is an issue with a culvert on Waters Hill. The culvert was installed temporarily for access to a wood lot several years ago. The culvert is not the correct size for permanent placement. A new owner has applied for driveway permit and would like the culvert replaced. Roger stated the resident is responsible for the first culvert.
- v. Roger said that the Highway Department spread Cold Mix on Round Pond Road today and will be spreading Cold Mix on Hathaway Hill Road tomorrow.
- vi. Roger gave an update on the condition of Nelson Pond Road. He stated there is some pavement, but mostly gravel and a lot of potholes. He stated he would like to try reclaim, but not sure if it will stay – especially with the winter plowing. He stated Cold Mix may be the way to go.

c. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy reported that as of today, \$21,032.94 has been collected in Excise Tax – 72% of our monthly goal.
- ii. She also reported that as of today, there are 34 accounts in Lien Status for 2016 Real Estate Taxes totaling \$29,033.50. One account has been paid off since the last meeting. There are 102 accounts in Lien Status for 2017 Real Estate Taxes totaling \$81,097.18. Sixteen accounts have been paid off since the last meeting. Amy is pleased with the collection process and does anticipate too many issues.
- iii. 2018 Tax Bills are out and payments have started coming in. The response has been positive.
- iv. All accounts are in balance and our balance in the checking account remains at a healthy level.

d. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy reported that Travis continues to be busy. He is still working on a Dog Ordinance and other Code Enforcement documentation.
- ii. Amy met with a potential vendor for phone service at the Town Office. She was hopeful that this would be a good fit, but after receiving the estimate of \$23,000+ she will continue the search for an alternative...including but not limited to staying with Fairpoint if they can find the problem on the line.
- iii. Amy attended NIMS 402 Training at the Livermore Falls Town Office last week. She is working with Town Manager Steve Gould to schedule more collaborative training.

- iv. Amy and Megan attended the County Spirit of America Awards Ceremony. There was a good turnout and it was good to see all the good efforts in other municipalities.
- v. The MMA Convention is being held Wednesday and Thursday, October 4 and 5 in Augusta.
- vi. Amy reminded the Board that Monday, October 9 is Columbus Day. All Town Departments will be closed.

4. Old Business

a. Sign FY 2018 Tax Rate Commitment CORRECTION

- i. Amy reported that Paul Binette from O'Donnell and Associates made a minor change in Personal Property that didn't roll forward properly. When the correction was rolled forward it changed the Overlay by twenty cents. The Board Members in attendance signed the corrected 2018 Commitment Papers.

~~b. Cemetery Policy / Update from Bob Martin on Cemetery Mowing~~

c. Cemetery Fence

- i. Scott asked if there was any update on the fence stored in the garage on Hathaway Hill. Amy will check with Tim Cox.

5. New Business

6. Public Comment

a. DWIGHT HINES

- i. Mr. Hines attended a meeting in Brunswick this last week hosted by the Community Institute on the topic of economic stimulation. The key speaker spoke on civil discourse. He used the towns of Gardiner, Biddeford, and Bucksport as examples of mill towns that have turned things around after mill shutdowns.

7. Adjourn – 6:51 PM