

**TOWN OF LIVERMORE**  
**Board of Selectpersons**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 22, 2019**  
**6:30 PM**

**BOARD:** Ben Guild, Scott Richmond, Mark Chretien, Tom Gould

**DEPT HEADS:** Renda Guild, Amy Byron

**RESIDENTS:**

**PRESS:** Pam Harnden

**Public Hearing**

1. Call to Order
2. Review of Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permit Renewal Applications from Rodney Newman (Tax Map R06 Lot 7) and Richard Damon (Tax Map R01 Lot 81)
3. Public Comment
  - a. none
4. Adjourn - 6:31 PM

**SELECT BOARD MEETING**

1. Call to Order - 6:32 PM
2. Approval of Junkyard Permit Renewals
  - a. Mark made the motion to renew both permits; Second by Scott
  - b. VOTE: unanimous
3. Approval of Minutes - January 7, 2019
  - a. Ben made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected (Fire Department minutes should say Rescue #4 - not 4x4 waiting for repairs); Second by Scott
  - b. Vote: unanimous
4. Reports:
  - a. Town Clerk Report - Renda
    - i. Reappoint Krista White - 2 years as Registrar
      1. Tom made the motion to appoint Krista White, Vote Registrar for 2 year term; Second by Scott
      2. VOTE: unanimous
    - ii. Appoint new Sexton
      1. Lew Lyman would like to step down as Sextant. Upon talking with Lew, Renda found Lew would recommend Jeremy Richards as he has worked a long time with Lew. He has a lot of knowledge and has never had a complaint.

- a. Tom made the motion to appoint Jeremy Richards, Sextant; Second by Ben
    - b. VOTE: unanimous
  - iii. Temporary help in Office
    1. Renda pointed out the remaining money in the budget for office help. We currently have two temporary fill-ins, but they aren't always available when needed. By adding two workers, we would have a pool to draw from. She has received and reviewed two applications. Both candidates have office experience. She state background checks have been completed. Tom agreed, stating it was the ideal time to get people trained.
  - iv. Spirit of America / Town Report Dedication
    1. Renda presented a list of candidates and asked the Board to be thinking about nominations.
  - v. Budget
    1. Renda stated she would like to see money budgeted for longevity incentives. Tom stated that would be handled within the department budget and it is up to the department head to build requests into the budget.
- b. Highway Foreman Report - Amy for Roger
  - i. New Truck
    1. The new Volvo has been delivered and is in service.
  - ii. Road Committee Meeting
    1. A meeting is scheduled for 5 PM Thursday, 1/31 at the Town Office.
  - iii. Snow Removal Issues
    1. Mark Chretien brought up several cases of people plowing across the road/into the road. He stated it is illegal and dangerous. He asked Pam Harnden to put something in the paper. He also asked Amy to put a notice on the Town Facebook Page. Tom stated the drivers should watch for persistent issues. Mark stated maybe we should consider putting reminders in tax bills.
- c. Fire Department - Amy
  - i. Amy notified the Board that the Fire Department was successful in obtaining a grant for chainsaws. The saws were purchased through Brady's Equipment in Farmington.
- d. Treasurer Report - Amy
  - i. Amy reported January Excise Tax collected to date totals \$15,055.38 - 48% of the monthly goal. Tom noted this is considerably less than previous months and January historically. He asked Amy why this might be. Amy is not sure why, but noted we are still ahead of goal for the year.
  - ii. Amy told the Board the person that bid on the Norton Road property has not paid the remaining balance. She has asked for a second extension until the end of this month. She said she is waiting for a settlement check to arrive from California. Mark expressed concern that such a decision would set precedence. Tom stated it is in the best interest of the Town to clear the debt. He feels the first extension was generous. He suggested the Board deny a further extension, but take no action. Mark recommended a decision - either deny or accept extension so Amy can accept a check.
    - a. Scott made a motion to deny an extension, and put it back out to bid for 30 days; Second by Ben. VOTE: unanimous
  - iii. Amy told the Board 26 landowners will be receiving 30 day notices. Tom questioned the number of 30 day notices. Amy said this number is typical and most balances will be cleared before the 30 days is up.
- e. Administrative Report
  - i. The furnace cleaning at the Highway Garage has been rescheduled by Maurais due to cold weather.

- ii. Amy continues to answer questions about the Medical Marijuana Moratorium. The Planning Board will meet the 30<sup>th</sup> to continue discussion and work on an Ordinance.
- iii. Amy expects to have a copy of the Livermore Falls PD Mutual Aid agreement for review at the next meeting.
- iv. Amy shared information regarding the repairs to the Radio Tower. Our share is going to be more than expected due to issues with the battery backup and generator.
- v. Amy spoke with the Cemetery Committee regarding the offer of volunteer labor to remove 4 trees at the cemetery on Keith Street. The Committee felt it should be put out to bid due to liability issues.
- vi. Amy reminded Selectmen Guild and Richmond of the need for NIMS certification. They both attempted to access online training, but the website was down due to the federal government shutdown.
- vii. Amy has met with most Department Heads and will have budget packets ready for the second meeting in February.
- viii. Amy attended the RSU 73 Meeting to learn more about the issues surrounding the resignation of the superintendent. It was a lengthy meeting and it is hoped the community will continue to be involved and attend meetings.
- ix. Tom noted the repairs to the Radio Tower are above the \$2,500 limit and advises a Board vote is necessary.
  1. Tom made the motion to approve appropriating money for our share of the tower repair bill; Second by Scott
  2. VOTE: unanimous

5. Old Business

- a. NONE

6. New Business

- a. Vehicle Damage Complaint - D. Chretien

- i. Tom asked for numbers in regard to the number of vehicle damage complaints. He reminded those in attendance of the need to address potholes, etc. once a report is made. Mark said the two complaints reflect the need for repair and upkeep, but noted it is difficult to make an extensive plan when roads are in such bad shape...we are simply buying time without funding. He noted the Highway Department spread 10 tons of patch in one week. Scott stated he has heard about other damages that aren't being reported. It was noted the entire Select Board needs to be informed on the road issues we face and on board to be able to "sell" a plan at Town Meeting.

7. Public Comment

- a. NONE

8. Adjourn - 7:40 PM

Mark made the motion to adjourn; Second by Ben

VOTE: unanimous