

# TOWN OF LIVERMORE

## Board of Selectpersons

### MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2021

6:30 PM

**BOARD:** SCOTT RICHMOND, BRETT DEYLING, TRACEY MARTIN

**DEPT HEADS:** AARON MILLER

**RESIDENTS/GUESTS:** JIM MANTER, WARREN FORBES, ROB BOOTHBY

**PRESS:** PAM HARNDEN

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2021

Scott motioned to accept the minutes; seconded by Brett, - 3-0.

4. Administrative Report

**AUDITORS** – Aaron reported the auditors expect to complete their additional review of payroll liabilities and compensation by the end of the month.

**MASKS AT TRANSFER STATION** –After citizen complaints, paper signs have been printed and a metal sign has been ordered requiring people to wear masks at the transfer station. According to the governor’s Dec. 11 mandate, municipal officials are authorized to enforce the use of face coverings on streets and sidewalks, in parks and in other public spaces where individuals gather.

**MMA RISK MANAGEMENT** – Risk Management visited the Highway Garage, Transfer Station and Community Building and surveyed the properties Jan. 7 in an effort to create a safer workplace.

There were two electrical issues identified – one has been fixed and the other may require an electrician, which Pat and Leo are looking into. The other issue was that fire extinguishers must be checked monthly. MMA mentioned only positive findings at the Highway Garage including the safety program is reviewed and updated at least annually; written blood borne pathogens, crane/hoist and hazard communications programs in place. At the Transfer Station the old Salt Building is showing evidence of deterioration. MMA advised to conduct appropriate maintenance and is asking to ensure the building is in good condition to ensure there is no hazard or posed hazard to the public as they enter the building for winter sand.

**FORECLOSURES** - The Automatic Foreclosure date is Feb. 26, 2021. 30-day notices will be sent out no later than Tuesday. Aaron will be working with Mary this week to guide her through that process. As of today 20 owners and interested parties we will receive notices.

5. Old Business

a. Solar Panels

Brett said he is interested in exploring the possibility of installing solar panels at the town's transfer station. Tracey said she believes it's worth exploring.

b. Welcome to Livermore Signs

The board discussed replacing the "Welcome to Livermore Signs." Aaron will follow up when he receives a price.

c. Speed Limit Sign

Aaron proposed the board adopt a policy on where and when the town's electronic speed limit warning sign be placed. Scott noted that the equipment shouldn't be left in freezing temperatures. No decisions were made.

d. Brettuns Pond Beach

Brett reported that he received negative feedback regarding a newspaper story regarding Brettuns Pond Beach. He clarified that he doesn't have reservations about using the area for ice fishing, but rather he would like to protect the small grassy area that is located next to the boat launch.

e. Snow Blowing Bridge

Aaron reported he was waiting to hear back from Livermore Falls regarding snow removal of the bridge sidewalk. Scott made a motion to see if Brad Buzzell will accept snowblowing half of the north side for \$90, seconded by Brett; 3-0.

f. Marijuana Business Application

Brett suggested the Planning Board review the proposed application at their next meeting.

6. New Business

a. Budget Timeline

Scott said that the budget committee has always met the first of March.

Warren noted that three weeks are usually blocked off in March for the selectmen and budget committee to work together and has worked well.

Warren added that the department heads come up with a proposed budget in mid-February and includes previous years as well. He added that he didn't want to negotiate employee's pay, putting the budget "committee on the spot."

b. Town Meeting – Open or Referendum?

Brett said that he is strongly in favor of open town meeting at this time, suggesting an outdoor meeting or "drive-in" style meeting.

Warren expressed concerns about the last referendum voting style at Town Meeting due to articles that didn't give voters the option to vote for either the selectboard's recommendation or budget committee recommendation.

No decisions were made.

c. Efficiency Maine

Aaron reported the town could take advantage of \$2,600 in grant money from Efficiency Maine to install a heat pump. Brett recommended soliciting bids.

7. Warrants & Adjournment

The selectboard signed warrants. Brett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Scott, 3-0.