TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Special Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting Referendum Public Hearing

&

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2022

6 PM

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

**DEPT HEADS:** AARON MILLER, DONALD CASTONGUAY, RENDA GUILD

**RESIDENTS/GUESTS:** 24 RESIDENTS

**PRESS:** PAM HARNDEN

**Meeting**

1. Call to Order

Town Clerk Renda Guild called the Special Town Meeting to order. “In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of Livermore in the County of Androscoggin, in the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Spruce Mountain Primary School in said Town of Livermore on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6 p.m. there and then to act on the following articles to wit:”

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. Clint Boothbay was elected moderator by secret ballot.

Clint asked for a vote to allow non-residents to speak – no objections.

Article 2. Shall the Town meeting (1) direct the Board of Selectmen to approve the purchase of a fire engine with attachments and associated equipment and to enter into a lease purchase agreement to finance such purchase in the amount of up to $382,373, and (2) delegate to the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix details related to the purchase and lease purchase agreement, to execute agreements, certificates and all other documents reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this vote?

The motion was moved and seconded.

Chief Castonguay said that the reason for the Special Town Meeting was due to an expected increase in the cost of new fire trucks beginning in May.

He explained he would like to replace a truck that is approximately 20 years old. A committee looked at going with a Pierce, with a custom cab and a frame that is hot-dipped galvanized. The truck would be serviced in Auburn, and is expected to last 30 years or more.

Resident Andrew Sylvester asked if the proposed truck would fit inside the Fire Station. The Chief said that it would.

Article 2 unanimously passed, no objections.

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The public hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.

Articles two through 15 drew no discussion. Planning Board Chairman Jim Manter explained that Article 16 seeks to amend the Town of Livermore Limited Commercial Zoning District, which is expected to clean up language. Aaron noted that the change seeks to increase the setback requirements from the center lines on Route 4 and Route 108 from 250-feet to 750 feet and would allow the owner to live on the property.

Articles 17 through 23 drew no discussion. Scott Richmond explained Article 24, which seeks to raise and appropriate $100,000 for a new firetruck, would be put toward the purchase of the new truck that was just approved. A resident asked how much the town has already, which is $200,000.

Articles 25 through 31 drew no discussion. On Article 32, Jim Manter noted there are 462 veterans’ graves and he would like to discuss placing flags at a later date.

Articles 33 through 52 drew no discussion. The public hearing was adjourned for the regular Selectboard meeting, which was called to order at 6:46 p.m.

1. *Regular Selectboard Meeting*
2. Approval of Minutes

March 29, 2022

Scott motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Brett; 4-0.

1. Old Business
   1. Transfer Station

Brett said he would like to see what it would take to put a well, septic and bathroom at the Transfer Station.

1. New Business
   1. Fire truck lease option

Scott recommended going with a four-year lease purchase option presented by Androscoggin Bank - $382,373 at 3.35% interest over four years. Scott said this will keep the town in line with the $100,000 raised and appropriated by the voters over the past two years.

Payment amount is $101,109.99 (final payment may vary slightly). The first payment of principal and interest shall be due and payable on July 7, 2022. The lease closing is scheduled for April 18, 2022.

Brett motioned to:

* + - * approve the Capital Acquisition Project consisting of the Lease of a new fire engine with attachments and associated equipment
      * financing for the project in the principal amount of $382,373 and awarding to Androscoggin Bank at an interest rate of 3.35%
      * authorize the Administrative Assistant to execute a Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement and all other documents necessary to accomplish the purchase of this vote
      * designate the lease a “bank qualified tax-exempt obligation” of the Town of the 2022 calendar year under the provisions of Section 2635(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

The motion was seconded by Mark, 3-0-1, Scott abstained.

* 1. Brett would like to look at seeing what it would take, to potentially switch school districts and go to better school, noting Spruce Mountain is not a well-ranked high school.

1. Warrants
2. Adjournment

Mark motioned to adjourn, seconded by brett; 4-0; 7:24 p.m.