

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2017
6:30 PM

BOARD: Scott Richmond, Megan Dion, Wayne Timberlake, Tom Gould, Mark Chretien

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Roger Ferland, Renda Guild

RESIDENTS: Don Nadeau, Dwight Hines, Scott Serewicz, Tim Lee, Gary Lee, Kurt Israelson; Rick Delaney

NON RESIDENTS: Bill Packer, Tiffany Pacher

PRESS: Pam Harnden

POLLARD COMMITTEE: Muriel Bowerman, Cindy Young, Shannon McDaniel

POLLARD SCHOLARSHIP

Review Applications

MEETING

1. Dwight raised objection to meeting based on the lack of response to his request for copies of the Board Packets. (Tom addressed Dwight's concerns. He will review the last six packets for any memos that might not have been provided to Dwight.)
2. Call to Order – 6:39 PM
3. Award Pollard Scholarship

The Scholarship was awarded by random drawing. The 2017 winner of the Pollard Scholarship is Jennifer Byron. Ms. Byron is an Occupational Therapy student at KVCC.

4. Approval of Minutes - July 25, 2017
 - a. Dwight offered a clarification of 7 b ii – it should read “noticed” not sued
 - b. Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; Second by Scott
 - c. VOTE: unanimous
5. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report – RENDA GUILD
 - i. Renda reported she has worked with Paul on updating tax records. Everything looks good and she hopes we will be able to look at commitment on his next visit. Rapid Renewal continues to grow in popularity. She helped Amy process 30-day notices. She will be scheduling annual BMV Training for the Office Staff.

- b. Megan made a motion to move Item 6b up in the Agenda. Second by Scott; VOTE: unanimous
- c. Turkey Lane Turn-Around
 - i. Roger reported the turn-around on Turkey Lane is no longer available. The new owner has installed a fence and all efforts to work with him have failed. Roger, Wayne and Amy visited Turkey Lane on Thursday to inspect & look for an alternative turn-around. There are two options - both will require work. One abuts the Cemetery and will in effect close 50 - 100 ft. of Turkey Lane to Winter Maintenance. The second option is 250 – 300 ft. from where Winter Maintenance currently ceases. (The landowner, Kurt Israelson thinks it might be closer than that.) Roger prefers the first option closer to the cemetery. Resident Tim Lee asked about plowing up the road from the discontinued portion of Turkey Lane and how that changes where he can dump snow. Rick Delaney offered some history on Winter Maintenance and stated the Town used to plow down, which was difficult and the turn-around was improved when Pauley owned the property. Mr. Serewicz (the current property owner) spoke up and stated he made decision based on advice from his mortgage holder and insurance company. After reviewing the Turn-Around Agreement, he stated he is willing to work with the Town for continued use of the turn-around. He would like to see certain conditions in place and stated the turn-around looks horrible and affects his property value. Tom thanked him and reassured him the Town does not want to hurt anyone or restrict access by discontinuing the road to Winter Maintenance. Gary Lee offered that he would like to see the issue worked out. He stated he has been using his personal vehicle to plow the discontinued portion of the Road. He is willing to continue doing so, but needs a place to dump snow. (Roger will meet with Mr. Serewicz to discuss the turn-around maintenance. Amy will draft a Turn-Around Agreement for Turkey Lane. Mr. Serewicz will come to the Office later in the week to sign it.)
- d. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND
 - i. Roger reported the “No Parking” Signs are up at Keith Street. Two Pine Trees were removed & cleaned up.
 - ii. The Highway Department has been working on Norton Road. They are digging up 175 – 200 ft near culvert that was installed incorrectly. It is plastic ABS with little to no cover on one end – causing it to heave and settle. He reported there was good gravel all around it, but not enough cover at the right hand side. They will leave it to settle 2 – 3 weeks and then pave over it.
 - iii. The Highway Department has also been working on Waters Hill Road. They are pulling rocks on this side and ditching on the other side near the Norlands.
 - iv. Johnny Castonguay will be moving in to do tree removal on Robinson Road next week. The Highway Department will remove stumps & work on culverts before R.S. Pidacks moves in to work on the ledge.
 - v. Roger will be digging pads for the new generator and propane tank at the Fire Station Tomorrow
 - vi. He reported they have a very tight and busy schedule.
 - vii. Roger asked the Board to run an Ad for part-time drivers for fill-in this Winter. The Board agreed. Amy will draft the Ad and get Roger’s approval before sending it to the papers.
 - viii. Roger reported he had ordered Salt, but delivery is delayed until August 21st. Once that is delivered and mixed, the building will be full. He stated there is almost 1000 yds of sand still stored at R.S. Pidacks.

- ix. Megan asked for load sheets to back up the gravel orders. Roger has them at the Highway Garage, but forgot to bring them. He will get them to Amy.
- e. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON
 - i. Amy reported Excise Tax Collected continues to exceed projections. July's Excise Tax was \$31,966.70 – 117% of the monthly goal if we used last year's Revenue Projection. August's Excise Tax is \$10,901.66 – 40% of the monthly goal. There was some discussion regarding setting the 2018 Excise Tax Revenue. The general consensus was to increase it slightly, but be cognizant of fluctuations due to normal business activity and the fact that Excise Tax Collections drop as vehicles age.
 - ii. Amy stated that, as of today, there are 40 accounts in Lien for 2016. Eight accounts have been paid off since the last meeting. Amy filed 153 30-day notices (34 less than last year) and as of today 35 of those accounts have been paid.
 - iii. The Bank Balance continues to be at a healthy level. Amy does not anticipate needing the TAN to meet expenses.
 - iv. Tom asked Amy if she had had time to review the Deputy Treasurer position and recommend a pay level. She stated she has not, but will make it a priority for the next meeting.
- f. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON
 - i. Amy stated Travis has been busy. Aside from processing many permit applications, he is working on streamlining some of the documents and the application process to avoid unnecessary load on the Planning Board. He is also working on a revision of the Dog Ordinance per request of the Animal Control Officer.
 - ii. As Roger stated, Amy has been involved with the Turn-Around Agreement on Turkey Lane. She visited Turkey Lane with Roger and Wayne. They reviewed two possible locations. Amy drafted a memo to the affected residents and delivered it after office hours.
 - iii. Amy reported that the Planning Board continues to work on a revision of the Limited Commercial Zoning Ordinance.
 - iv. Amy met with Don Castonguay to review the generator installation plan.
 - v. In an effort to improve phone service at the Office, Amy continues to research phone systems. She met with a provider today that may be able to improve the internet service and provide an improved phone system.
 - vi. Amy will be attending NIMS 402 Training on Thursday September 7 from 6 – 8 PM in Livermore Falls.
 - vii. Amy notified the Board that the County Spirit of America presentations will be Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 in Auburn at the County Building.
 - viii. Amy provided a written opinion from MMA regarding the Select Board members serving on the Road Committee.
 - ix. Amy asked for signatures on the Quit Claim Deeds for the two Tax-Acquire Properties. Ms. Pacher was present to accept the paperwork. (Mr. Newman will pick his up during office hours.)
 - x. The proposed Spruce Mountain Boat Launch project has been put on hold until next year.

6. Old Business

a. Cemetery fence

- i. Amy was able to talk with Lew Lyman and Tim Cox regarding the fence stored in the Hathaway Hill Garage. They currently do not have a plan for the fence. There was some

discussion as to how or if we should store the fence. Amy suggested she go back to the cemetery committee to see if they would consider selling the fence to help offset anticipated tree removal expenses.

7. New Business

a. Open Capital Road Improvement Bids

i. One Bid – Bruce Manzer - \$298,465.00

1. Discussion: Roger stated this is well within budget. (\$320,000) He believes the reduced bid is due to the 4" minus gravel being taken out. (Depending on what they find when they excavate, it may need to be factored back in.)

a. Megan made a motion to accept the bid; Second by Wayne

b. VOTE: unanimous

c. Megan asked Roger to schedule a Road Committee meeting BEFORE the next Town Meeting so we ready to go to bid earlier in the season. She stated she would like to see a bid checklist. Amy will research.

b. Turkey Lane Turn-Around

moved up in Agenda

8. Public Comment

a. DWIGHT:

i. Board Packets: Tom will get them to Dwight

ii. Dwight reviewed the MMA antitrust problems. He compared it to the Martha Stewart case from a few years ago. (professionals can't conspire to deprive the public of good advice)

iii. He promoted a local program called Hearts & Souls. He encouraged citizen involvement and referenced the Vermont Country Store as an example. He asked those in attendance to consider what they are doing in Maine and why they are here. He stated the group focuses on values.

9. Adjourn – 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Byron

Administrative Assistant to the Board