

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2017

6:30 PM

BOARD: MARK CHRETIEN, SCOTT RICHMOND, WAYNE TIMBERLAKE, MEGAN DION, TOM GOULD

DEPT HEADS: ROGER FERLAND

RESIDENTS: DON MOREAU, DENNIS SOL, DWIGHT HINES

NON-RESIDENTS: JOHN A. PAPE

PRESS: PAM HARNDEN

MEETING

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Moment of Silence for the Victims of Las Vegas Shooting
3. Approval of Minutes - September 18, 2017
 - a. Mark Chretien made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Second by Scott Richmond. VOTE: unanimous
4. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report – AMY FOR RENDA
 - i. Renda left a report: The Office will be closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day. Dog Registrations and Tags will be available October 15th. Absentee Ballots will be available September 5th. Election Day is coming up on November 7th.
 - b. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND
 - i. Cold Mix has been spread over the past 3 days. Roger would like to see an increased in the next budget. (800 ton for 2019 Budget)

- ii. Robinson Road is coming along. Manzer has completed the 4 inch minus gravel and fabric. On Monday he will complete the 1 ½ inch gravel. He would like to let it sit for 1 week or so before paving.
- iii. Roger notified the Board of a problem with a culvert on River Road by R. St. Pierre's home. Roger sought recommendations from various sources and the consensus is to spoon it out to the culvert – 75 – 100 feet on each side and mix with gravel to create a stable base and then pave. Roger obtained an estimate from Manzer – 75 ft x 20 ft wide = \$5,000. Megan agreed that this culvert has been a problem for a while. There was some discussion on what had been done in the past. Roger said they had tried various things, one of which involved scraping the old pavement, filling with 1 ½" gravel around the culvert, and paving with cold mix but never moved culvert. (Roger said frost pushes the culvert up and cracks the pavement.) Roger recommends trying this. If it works, there are 14 more culverts to be done if it works. Mark felt the issue is exacerbated by clay. Hopefully this will cure the problem. If not, we'll have to face it and try something else. Mark suggested spooning out 50 ft on each side of the culvert. Roger suggested 25 ft on one side and 50 ft on the other side. Mark stated the Board had tried in the past to get an easement to change direction of the culvert, but couldn't.
 - 1. Mark made a motion to appropriate \$5,000 for the project; Second by Scott VOTE: unanimous
 - 2. DISCUSSION: Wayne asked if road would be closed. Roger thought it would be possible to do one side at a time, then close road for 4 hours to put culvert back. There was also discussion on ADS (plastic culverts) vs. standard culverts, sand, previous practices and the best use of taxpayer money.
- iv. Megan asked Roger about changes to the Robinson Road project. Roger stated they went on the best information they had at the time. When Manzer started grinding, they found large amounts of silt. Scott stated that previous practice did not include the use of fabric – there is a large amount of clay and it has worked its way to the top over the years.
- v. Tom asked Roger about the status of temporary help. Roger stated he has confirmed with two previous drivers they are interested in helping again this year. He asked for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss an applicant.
- vi. Tom stated he had received a call from a Wyman Road resident regarding washouts that should be repaired before plowing season.
- vii. Scott notified Roger that the Bartlett Pond Road culvert is plugged. A family of beavers has moved in...
- viii. Megan suggested Roger start having regular Road Committee meetings like we do with Select Board and Planning Board. She suggested they start early to come up with a long-term plan to be presented at budget workshops and Town Meeting.

- c. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON
 - i. Amy reported that the September Excise Tax collected was \$31,219.70 – 107% of our monthly goal. October Excise Tax collected to date is \$5,812.50 – 19% of our monthly goal.
 - ii. As of today, there are 33 Liens for 2016 Real Estate Taxes totaling \$27,180.10. One account has been paid off since the last meeting.
 - iii. As to day, there are 75 Liens for 2017 Real Estate Taxes totaling \$72,576.38. Three account have been paid off since the last meeting.
 - iv. Our balance continues to be at a healthy level. 2018 tax payments have started coming in. Amy does not feel we will need to take out a TAN this year.
- d. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON
 - i. Amy reported that Travis Tardif, CEO continues to be very busy. He has drafted a Dog Ordinance and would like the Board to review it. If they are happy with it, we could potentially hold a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting before the June Town Meeting.
 - ii. Amy reiterated that the Office has been busy responding to Escrow Requests for Tax Information. Tax money has started trickling in.
 - iii. Amy asked the Board to sign a replacement Quit Claim Deed for Rod Newman. Mr. Newman purchased one of the Tax Acquired Properties and misplaced his deed.
 - iv. Amy reminded the Board that they are required to complete FOAA Training. It is as simple as reviewing the information from the FAQ section of the State Website and completing the Certificate.
 - v. Amy stated that the MMA Convention was being held in Augusta Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5th. It is a FREE event.
 - vi. Amy stated all Town Departments will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

5. Old Business

Megan asked a question about the Howie's Welding Bill on the warrant. Roger stated it was for the painting, blasting and repainting of 2 plows and 2 wings. It is just on the warrant now because there was an issue to be worked out with the vendor. Tom asked if this was normal procedure to send the equipment out for painting. Roger said no, this level of work was beyond what the crew could do at the garage.

6. New Business

- a. Abatement – Corrective Action on Assessing
 - 1. Megan made a motion to approve the Abatement; Second by Mark. VOTE: unanimous
- b. General Assistance Ordinance
 - i. New guidelines were adopted by the Board.

7. Public Comment

- a. Don Moreau asked about the depth of the clay on River Road? Roger stated he doesn't really know. Don asked if it made sense to mix it with gravel and put it back. He thinks removal would be best...
- b. Dennis Sol asked to speak with the Board about the current Dog Ordinance and a situation with a neighbor's beagles barking incessantly. He stated he has been on the State website to research Kennel Licensing. The barking has been an issue for two years. He has complained to the Town Office and was referred to the Animal Control Officer. He provided a copy of the State Statute regarding Kennel Licenses to Tom Gould. He maintains there should be some level of accountability as the owners are away for 12+hours/day. He asked for the Board's help in moving this up the chain of command. There was discussion regarding the proposed revision of the Dog Ordinance. Amy will email Mr. Sol a complaint form to be completed and returned to the Town Office. Amy will forward to the State as our current Ordinance does not specify the fine structure making it almost impossible to enforce.
- c. Dwight Hines reminded the Board there is money/grant funding available for infrastructure improvements. (roads) This led to a discussion on the road software package that helps with road inventory and grading. Amy stated that software is currently installed on her laptop but could be moved to Roger's laptop.

8. Mark made a motion to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session; Second by Scott. VOTE: Unanimous to amend the agenda

9. 7:26 PM - Megan made a motion to enter Executive Session per 1 MRSA §405 (6)(A) for a Personnel Issue; Second by Tom VOTE: unanimous

7:40 PM – Mark made a motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Megan
No decision was made.

10. Discussion on storage – Amy notified the Board that many Town records are stored in the basement of the Community Building. It is damp and there are rodents living there. Amy suggested the Board consider storage options as there is no more room at the Town Office.

11. Discussion on cemetery fence – Amy has not received an answer from Tim Cox in regard to the fence being stored at the Hathaway Hill Garage. She will try again.

12. Adjourn – 7:44 PM