

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2017
6:30 PM

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

DEPT HEADS: Roger Ferland, Amy Byron

EMPLOYEES: Ben Campbell

RESIDENTS: Don Moreau, Dennis Sol, Ashley Lakin

PRESS: Pam Harnden

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Approval of Minutes - November 14, 2017
 - a. CORRECTION: #3b, vi – “flashed the computer on the transmission”
 - b. Megan made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected; Second by Wayne
 - c. VOTE: unanimous
3. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report – N/A
 - b. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND
 - i. Focusing on patching and trucks ready for snow; wings, cutting edges, etc.
 - ii. Roger reported the Ford is back from Fairfield’s with the Sander installed.
 - iii. There was discussion on removing the Cemetery Fencing from the Hathaway Hill Garage. It was suggested that we move it to the Transfer Station where it can be looked at and sorted.
 - iv. There was discussion on Wyman Road. It hasn’t had any repairs for 5 to 8 years and is washed out.
 - v. Megan asked about Road Committee Meetings. Megan suggested a monthly schedule be developed with or without the RSMS software on the Highway Laptop. (Amy reported the software is on the laptop and there is some road inventory already done. Roger just needs to verify and update as necessary.)
 - c. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON
 - i. Amy reported that the Excise Tax collected to date in November is \$17,799.06. This is approximately 61% of the monthly goal. We are already over 50% of goal for the year.
 - ii. As of today, there are 25 Lien Accounts for 2016 Real Estate Taxes totaling \$19,214.66. One account has been paid off since the last meeting.

- iii. As of today, there are 53 Lien Accounts for 2017 Real Estate Taxes totaling \$18,580.15. Two accounts have been paid off since the last meeting.
 - iv. Amy noted that the “half way point” in the Fiscal Year is approaching. We are slightly ahead in Revenue and the Expenses are about on target for this point in the year.
- d. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON
- i. Amy reported the Limited Commercial Zoning Ordinance and Dog Ordinance have been adopted and recorded.
 - ii. Amy met with FEMA regarding the recent Wind Storm. Androscoggin County did not meet the threshold for an award.
 - iii. Amy told the Board that Expenet discovered a bad hard drive in the Server while performing monthly maintenance. It was replaced under warranty. Also – it was discovered that the Highway Department Laptop had a virus. It was cost prohibitive to repair it. Amy authorized the purchase of a new laptop from Expenet.
 - iv. Amy met with Maynard Goding regarding the maintenance of the Town Snowblowers. We currently own four:
 1. 1980? TORO (kept at the Fire Station) – Needs extensive repairs and Maynard feels it is not worth fixing.
 2. Ariens (used at the Transfer Station)– all set to go
 3. Ariens with tracks (used for the Bridge) – all set to go
 4. 1980? Simplicity (backup machine at the Transfer Station) – has extensive play in the gear box. Maynard estimates it would cost \$250 to fix. He recommended doing just the annual maintenance this year and then reassess next year. Amy told the Board we should consider this during Budget Workshops.
 5. Amy reminded Department Heads that Open Enrollment for Health Insurance is “winding down”. Any changes should be reported ASAP to Amy. Program and Rate information was distributed.
 6. Amy facilitated online Battery Recycling Training for the Transfer Station employees.
 7. Amy has worked with the GA Director on three difficult cases. She anticipates that requests will increase as we enter the winter months.
 8. Paul (O’Donnell & Associates) will be in the Office on Friday, December 8.
 9. Amy asked the Board how they would like to schedule Office Hours for the upcoming Christmas Holiday. Christmas falls on Monday and the staff has asked for Tuesday off. They are willing to use comp time. The Board approved being closed Tuesday.
 10. Amy is renewing the Maine State Surplus Membership and will distribute cards to Department Heads when they are available.
 11. Amy presented a Quit Claim Deed transferring property from Chris Robinson to Johnny Castonguay. (There were two years unpaid taxes that were cleared up at closing. (Sanders & Hanstein prepared the Quit Claim Deed.)

- 4. Old Business
 - a. NONE

- 5. New Business
 - a. NONE

6. Public Comment

- a. Don Moreau: Mr. Moreau asked about the status of Hathaway Hill Road and the gate. Wayne told him that the issue came up a few years ago. The road was being torn up; there were illegal fires, dumping, etc. and the police were very busy trying to keep things under control. The Town is trying to determine the status of the closed portion of road. He said he believes if it is an old county road, the Town has a ROW on the road. If it is an abandoned Town Road, it reverts to the abutting landowners. Scott said it has probably been closed for 100 years. (He guesses it is an old County Road) Megan stated there are no recorded votes on the road.
- b. Ashley Lakin:
 - i. Mr. Lakin stated he is concerned about public access. He stated he is on the fence about the gate. He also said he can see both sides of the issue.
 - ii. Mr. Lakin offered his condolences to the Spencer Family on River Road that lost their home recently in a fire. He asked if the Town is doing anything. Amy reported there is a donation drive and people can make donations at the Town Office.
 - iii. Mr. Lakin stated he understands 50 yards of gravel is going to be put down tomorrow on Wyman Road with costs of nearly \$1,000. He stated he took a look at the Wyman Road and noted there are no Dead End signs or Road Name signs. He stated he had to back out as there was no place to turn around. He said extensive research turned up deeds back to the 1920s and 30s and at some point there were plans for Cottage Terrace Subdivision, but that plan never developed. He stated he feels like Town Plowing and Maintenance must have happened with a handshake agreement. He noted 9-1-1 shows the address as Federal Road. He also noted the Town is beating equipment up during plowing activity.
- c. Ben Campbell: Mr. Campbell asked if Hathaway Hill is closed to ATVs. Amy told him the ATV Club placed the "No ATV" signs because the trail has moved.
- d. Roger Ferland: Roger asked why the gate has not been opened after mud season as was agreed on originally. No one knows.
- e. Dennis Sol: Mr. Sol noted there is no gate to Kirk Leadbetter's. He also noted everyone (landowners) was in agreement and everyone helped put in the gate. Whatever is happening now is up to the status of the road. Sheriffs, Game Wardens, the Board, etc. all thought it was a good idea. (Mark stated he remembers the agreement was that the gate would be opened after mud season.) Mr. Sol stated he has a letter from IFW in support of the gate as it is now. He also noted they left 5 feet for side by side access around the gate.
- f. It was noted that the Canton side has public access due to the cemetery, etc. (Megan understands Canton Town Office has a sign out process for key.

7. Adjourn – 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amy L. Byron, Administrative Assistant