

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

December 26, 2017

6:30 PM

BOARD: Wayne Timberlake, Scott Richmond, Tom Gould

DEPT HEADS: Amy Byron

RESIDENTS: Ray Hamilton, Rene Grondin, Dennis & Theresa Sol, Ron Greenwood, Roland St. Pierre

PRESS: Pam Harnden

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Approval of Minutes - November 28, 2017
 - a. Wayne made the motion to accept the minutes as written; Second by Scott
 - b. VOTE: unanimous
3. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report
 - i. none
 - b. Highway Foreman Report – Roger Ferland
 - i. Amy gave the report for Roger. Amy reported there has been an issue with the 2008 GMC shutting off sporadically. Roger had Murray's take a look at it and they thought it might need a lift pump.
 - ii. Amy told the Board the half-inch Lexan windshield has been installed on the excavator.
 - iii. Roger will be scheduling a demo/training session with Heavy Equipment on running the mulching head properly.
 - iv. Roger recently found a 2006 Komatsu 15 front-end loader with low hours on it. The asking price is \$60,000, which is a good deal. He wishes the Town would consider putting money aside into a capital fund for when deals like this become available. (This piece of equipment would help greatly with loading sand/salt.)
 - v. Roger would like clarification on shoveling in front of the Town Office/Fire Station. Is this part of the part-time driver's job? The Board felt it was and could be done while the driver is here.
 - c. Treasurer Report – Amy Byron
 - i. Amy reported that Excise Tax revenue is behind for the month of December. To date, \$17,756.94 has been collected, which is 60% of the monthly goal. We are slightly ahead of average for the year and Amy is confident business will pick up as we head into January.

- ii. As of today, collections on 2016 Tax Liens remain unchanged from the last meeting. (We are still holding 25 Liens totaling \$19,008.89.)
 - iii. As of today, collections on 2017 Tax Liens remain unchanged from the last meeting. (We are still holding 53 Liens totaling \$47,125.67.)
 - iv. Amy reminded the Board we are at the half-year point in the Fiscal Budget. She stated that Revenue is slightly ahead of expectations and Expenses are just about on target. She is working on a memo and budget report for the Budget Committee and will provide copies to the Board.
- d. Administrative Report – Amy Byron
- i. Amy reported that the Androscoggin Greenway Maps are finished and will be available soon. This was a project through Grow Smart Maine.
 - ii. Amy asked the Board to be thinking about a candidate to nominate for Spirit of America.
 - iii. Amy said she has been working on several research projects: Wyman Road, Hathaway Hill Road and the dam near Jim Kennison’s on Martin Stream.
 - iv. Amy will be meeting with the Planning Board tomorrow night.
 - v. Amy met with Maynard Goding regarding the condition of the Town’s snowblowers. Two are in great shape; one is not worth fixing and the other may require extensive repair soon. It is Juanita’s suggestion that the Board consider purchasing a snowblower using some of the money coming back from OCRR. We currently have one at the Town Office, one at the Transfer Station and the tracked machine for the Bridge. We do not have a backup machine if one goes down, which effects the snow removal at the Transfer Station. No recommendation or decision to purchase was made.
 - vi. Amy told the Board that she recently became aware that there may be a need to hire temporary/backup help at the Transfer Station. Bernie is going to be unavailable for a while. No recommendation was made.
 - vii. Amy has been assisting Sherry with a couple of difficult GA cases and will be monitoring to ensure coverage. As cold weather hits, we expect to see an increase in the number of cases.
 - viii. Amy worked with Paul Binette Friday, December 8. We have several administrative Personal Property Tax Abatements which need to be reviewed. The Board reviewed and approved the abatements. Wayne made the motion to approve the abatements; second by Scott VOTE: unanimous
 - ix. Amy presented a CMP Pole Permit application for Butter Hill Road. The Permit was signed by the Board Members present.
 - x. Amy presented a Quit Claim Deed prepared by Ronald Aseltine’s office for the property currently owned by The Estate of Edward Byrne. Amy confirmed that all past due taxes have been paid and that this will clear up two undischarged tax liens.

4. Old Business

a. Hathaway Hill Road/Gate

- i. Tom stated he had not come across any evidence that Hathaway Hill Road was discontinued in the last 100 years. He stated that would suggest it is either a County Road or a Town Road that was discontinued more than 100 years ago. If it is a discontinued Town Road, the property rights go back to landowners. If this is the case, the property owners would have the right to gate it. Amy stated she did some research and it appears that the County Road coming from Canton

turned and went toward Jay. (which suggests Hathaway Hill Road is not a County Road) More research at the County Registry is needed to be sure of the status.

b. Wyman Road

- i. Tom stated not much else has been found, but Aerial photos from 1976 done by the Assessor show the location and measurement from Route 4. The photos show the Town-owned portion of the road to be 135 feet. If this is the case, the Town would maintain that 135 feet and would need a turn-around agreement. Amy is researching the source of that information. Tom stated the Town has the obligation to maintain the road until a definite decision is made.

c. Mill Dam

- i. Tom said he was approached about the ownership of the Mill Dam on Martin Stream near Jim Kennison's property. It was suggested that it might be Town-owned making the Town responsible for maintenance. Amy is doing research to establish ownership of the dam. At this point, her research suggests it is not Town responsibility. Scott said this issued was discussed in the 1980s when his father was on the Board, but he does not know anything further.

5. New Business

a. Update on Oxford County Regional Recycling – Amy Byron

- i. Amy reported that the check we were expecting was delayed due to an issue in their office. The OCRR Treasurer hopes it will be here in the next few weeks.

b. Community Center – Rene Grondin

- i. Mr. Grondin said he would like to ask the Town to plow the parking lot at the Community Center. He stated the Association does not have equipment to plow any more. He said that the Center is rented out almost every weekend this winter. He said that if the Highway Department could plow, the Association will shovel and sand. Wayne reminded the Board that it is Town property and he feels we have an obligation to help as long as they understand it would be done after roads are cleaned up.
- ii. Rene also wanted the Board to know the Association had Jim Timberlake locate the Community Building septic tank. It was located 75 feet from the building – under a pile of crushed rock in the Highway Department parking lot. It was noted that the pile should be moved. (The camera used showed a slight sag in the line which is holding a small amount of water but the system isn't acting up at this point.)

6. Public Comment

- a. Ray Hamilton: Mr. Hamilton said he has unlocked the gate on Hathaway Hill Road for snowmobile access. The Board thanked him and Scott noted that it is not an official trail.

7. Adjourn – 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amy L. Byron, Administrative Assistant