

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2018

6:30 PM

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

DEPT HEADS: ~~Roger Ferland~~, Amy Byron

RESIDENTS: NONE

GUESTS: John Nutting, John Alexander Pape, Terri Kelly

PRESS: Pam Harnden

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes - January 9, 2017
 - a. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Second by Megan.
 - b. VOTE: Unanimous
4. Introduction/Update from John Nutting
 - a. Mr. Nutting introduced himself and told the Board he is a life-long resident of Leeds. He is running for the Maine House of Representatives covering Leeds, Turner, and part of Livermore. (Livermore is a split district – Mr. Nutting would like to see it one district.)
 - b. He shared a handout from MMA entitled “Revenue Sharing Funds Transferred to General Fund”. He explained there was a contract which was 5% of Sales Tax. As the handout reflects there has been a 60% cut to municipalities totaling \$119,000 last year alone in Livermore.
 - c. Another concern of Mr. Nutting is State Administrative Staffing. He noted there are currently approximately 13,000 State employees with appointees & mid-management amounting to a 440% increase. He maintains we shouldn’t grow Government when cutting revenue.
5. Introduction/Update from John Alexander Pape
 - a. Mr. Pape thanked the Board for the opportunity to visit with us. He lives in Turner and is a veteran as well as a small business owner.
 - b. Mr. Pape also spoke about Revenue Sharing, calling it low hanging fruit. He also spoke about unfunded mandates and Small Business Tax Increases.
 - c. He told the Board there are three Republican and one Democrat candidate for the House.
6. Reports:

- a. Town Clerk Report – ~~RENDA~~
 - i. None
- b. Highway Foreman Report – ~~ROGER~~ (Amy)
 - i. Amy notified the Board that Roger could not attend due to illness.
 - ii. She shared that there are some issues with the overhead door at the Sand/Salt Shed. It has been serviced twice in the past two weeks. Due to incorrect installation, the gasket is torn and the opener “kicks off” when starting. Roger and the crew have been operating the door manually. Amy would like to see the bills covered by warranty.
 - iii. Scott suggested we research the recommended annual service/maintenance and build some money into the budget.
 - iv. Amy also told the Board there was approximately 1700 yards of sand left at R.S. Pidacks. It will be moved into the building and mixed.
- c. Treasurer Report – AMY
 - i. Amy reported that Excise Tax collected in January totaled \$26,438.33 which is 90% of the monthly goal to meet budget.
 - ii. She also reported that Excise Tax collected to date in February totaled \$9,430.65 which is 32% of the monthly goal. (While both months collections are lower than expected, we are still ahead of goal for the year. There is a large Fleet Registration due in February which represents a large percentage of our February Excise Tax.)
 - iii. There are currently 20 2016 Lien accounts totaling \$15,876.26. Three accounts have been paid off since January 23, 2018. Any unpaid balance at the close of business on March 1, 2018 will result in Foreclosure.
 - iv. There are currently 45 2017 Lien accounts totaling \$40,760.62. Three accounts have been paid off since January 23, 2018.
 - v. Amy is working on FY 2019 Budget. Budget members received a mailing that includes the dates of the meetings in March.
- d. Administrative Report – AMY
 - i. Amy reported that the Androscoggin Greenway Maps are available and have been well received.
 - ii. She asked again for nominations for the Spirit of America Award. The Board Members wrote down three names and asked Amy to put the names in a drawing during Office Hours.
 - iii. Amy met with the Planning Board on January 24th. They discussed the possibility of updating the Comprehensive Plan.
 - iv. Paul Binette (assessor) will be here on Friday, February 9th from 8 AM to 4 PM.
 - v. The Office will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of President’s Day.
 - vi. Amy reported that the Workman’s Comp Audit was completed yesterday. It went very well - there were no surprises.
 - vii. Amy reminded the Board that the Town Mowing Contract will be put out to bid. She is working on bid packets.
 - viii. Amy was made aware that there are no job descriptions for three positions: Deputy Treasurer, Maintenance and GA Director. She will bring draft copies to the Board for review.
 - ix. Amy has been reviewing the Internet package at the Town Office. Spectrum is no longer offering or grandfathering the service currently in place. Currently

internet is FREE, but will be \$59.99 to \$99.99/month depending on the bundle selected. Once this issue is resolved, she will be looking at phone systems.

- x. Amy distributed the RSU 73 Budget Timeline. The first meeting is Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria

7. Old Business

a. Dollar General/Gift of Land Update

- i. Amy reported that Paul has discovered a Scrivener's Error in the property description for Dollar General. It should be sent back for correction.
- ii. Amy reviewed the valuation and estimated tax commitment pre- and post-split on the Dollar General property gift to the Town.
- iii. She noted that there was no Select Board Vote recorded. She did have a recorded vote from the Planning Board.
- iv. The Board Members recommended letting the Taxpayers vote at Town Meeting whether or not to accept the gift of land.

b. Road Committee Meetings

- i. Megan noted that she had received some feedback regarding scheduling the meetings in the evening so the public can participate. Mark disagrees - stating that there is no one time that works for everyone. Megan asked it be addressed at the next Committee Meeting.

c. Roads Update

- i. Wyman Road - Tom reports there are no updates. He will check with Paul one more time.
- ii. Hathaway Hill Road/Gate - Tom reports that it appears the gate is on private property and is not a Town issue.

d. Dam Update

- i. Tom and Amy report there are no updates. Based on the research done, they believe the dam is on private property.

8. New Business

a. CMP Pole Permits

- i. Hackett Hill Road
- ii. Butter Hill Road
 - 1. (Tabled until Roger can review with Board.)

9. Public Comment

- a. None

10. Adjourn – 7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amy L. Byron, AA to Select Board