

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2018
6:30 PM

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

DEPT HEADS: ROGER, AMY

RESIDENTS:

GUESTS: JOHN NUTTING, MIKE WEBBER (+1),

PRESS: PAM HARNDEN

Meeting

1. Call to Order - 6:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes - April 17, 2018
 - a. Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Second by Scott.
 - b. VOTE: unanimous
4. John Nutting - Candidate House District 75
 - a. Mr. Nutting gave a brief update on State Revenue Sharing and his concern with cuts in the past.
 - b. Mr. Nutting is also concerned about split districts in Livermore. He notified the Board that the District Map and the Voting Lists do not match. He spoke with the Secretary of State's Office and Renda. He wants to ensure that people are in the correct district. Redistricting happens once every 10 years. Renda will meet with Tena Means to address this issue.
 - c. Mr. Nutting then spoke about the School Funding Formula known as EPS. He said he always felt rural Maine suffered under this formula. He said the Title 1 and Free/Reduced Lunch programs were fixed last year. The budget allows for 52% funding and the Legislature adjourned without passing a funding formula last week. (There were 30 issues still on the books.) He spoke about regional adjustment and referred to the ED279, which is based on property values and student count. In relation to staffing costs, Livermore - 96% of average; Gorham - 108% of average; Yarmouth - even higher. It has never been done this way before that he knows of... He stated that if the Legislature work is finished, the funding would be at 55%. He feels Regional Adjustment is the wrong priority. He urged the Board and residents to contact him with questions and concerns.
5. Reports:
 - a. ~~Town Clerk Report~~

- b. Highway Foreman Report
 - i. Roger pulled Road Posted Signs last week
 - ii. The Department started sweeping today with a rented sweeper from Eagle Rental. Roger was able to borrow a kicker broom from the Town of Wilton. The Town of Livermore will replace bristles if needed. Roger can keep as long as it is needed. He reported it does take two people to operate.
 - iii. Roger asked the Board about missing private road signs. He asked if the Town can enter private roads to inventory and replace signs? Tom stated we should get owner permission. Roger suggested landowners contact the Town Garage if road signs are missing. Scott said Turner has different colored signs for private roads with PVT to designate the road status. Wayne asked if the Town buys the sign. Tom stated he doesn't believe the Town is bound to purchase signs on private roads, but we should check with CEO regarding the 9-1-1 policy.
 - iv. Roger is still waiting on Heavy Equipment to demonstrate and train on the mulching head. Tom asked if there was an urgent need. Roger said no, as there are a lot of other things going on.
 - v. Tom asked for budget information on Department vehicles in regard to outside repair and parts. Amy will gather.
- c. Transfer Station Report
 - i. Amy presented the Pine Tree Contract for signature.
 - ii. Amy presented a recent situation regarding DOT road side clean-up and attempted disposal at the Transfer Station. Mark stated we have always refused due to the number of mattresses, tires, etc. and the cost to the Town to dispose of them.
- d. Treasurer Report
 - i. Amy reported April Excise Tax collected to date is \$42,529.29, which is 145% of monthly goal. We are currently approximately \$8,100 shy of the goal for the year.
 - ii. Amy is researching issues with the one 2016 Foreclosed Property. She wants to ensure the Town disposes of the property correctly where there are two interested parties and an issue with the septic system.
 - iii. As of today, there are 37 Lien Accounts for 2017 totaling \$31,520.62. The number of accounts is unchanged, but the balance continues to drop as partial payments are made.
 - iv. Balances remain healthy. Second-half tax payments continue to trickle in. It appears collections are ahead of where they were last year.
- e. Administrative Report
 - i. Amy reported the Planning Board has been active. They meet again Wed May 23, 2018 at 6:30 PM.
 - ii. Paul Binette will be here Friday, 05/04. Amy reported an extension request was granted to Eagle Creek. Amy reminded the Board extension requests are not uncommon in these types of cases due to the amount of information requested.
 - iii. Amy continues to explore options for the Town Website and phone service.
 - iv. Amy will continue work on updating Job Descriptions for the Deputy Treasurer and GA Director positions.
 - v. Amy attended the RSU 73 School Board vote on Thursday, 4/5. The budget was passed in 20 minutes. There was a very low turnout. Amy reminded the Board that the Town Referendum was held Tuesday 4/24. 105 residents turned out and the vote passed
 - vi. Amy notified the Board that Office Staff is attempting to use Paid Time Off before the end of the Fiscal Year. In some cases, Fill-In help is not available and we may have some issues with Staffing. We will do the best we can during busy times.

- vii. Amy is working on the Town Report. She hopes to have a draft copy available at the next meeting. The printer requires two business days to print once submitted.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. Warrant Article - Refund of Oxford County Recycling Proceeds
 - i. Mark suggested the Oxford County Recycling refund of \$25,324.28 be appropriated for improvements and maintenance needs at the Transfer Station. Clarification was made that this is a one-time event.
 - ii. Mark made the motion to appropriate the refund; Second by Scott
 - iii. DISCUSSION: There is a need for a cement pad for metal.
 - iv. VOTE: unanimous
- b. Review Maintenance Worker Job Applications
 - i. Three applications
- c. Review Highway Worker Job Applications
 - i. Two applications
- d. Review Truck Bids
 - i. 1 - White & Bradstreet - \$8,575
 - ii. 2 - Warren Smith - \$3,022
 - iii. 3 - Robert Hastings - \$10,550.50
 1. Megan made a motion to award the bid to Robert Hastings. Second by Mark
VOTE: unanimous

8. Public Comment

- a. Mike Webber stated he attended tonight's meeting in regard to the Ground Maintenance Bid awarded at the last meeting. Mr. Webber presented notes from the three Towns he noted as references. Mr. Webber asserted that references were not checked. Amy refuted saying she spoke with Amanda Allen in Livermore Falls. (The one reference she was able to check.) She said she called Wilton twice and left two messages, with no response. She said she called Chesterville Town Office and spoke with a Clerk. She obtained Ed Hastings phone number. She called and left two messages. She did note that he called the day after the meeting when the bid was awarded. Tom asked if there were any questions regarding the process, the references, etc. Tom stated the process was not intended to be derogatory against any person or Town...but we gave extra time to gather information and the Board needs to follow the process.

9. Executive Session - 1 MRSA §405(6) (A) - Personnel

- a. 7:17 PM - Megan made the motion to enter Executive Session; Second by Wayne
- b. VOTE: unanimous
 - i. Highway Worker - (2 applications)
 - ii. Maintenance Worker - (3 applications)
- c. 7:56 PM - Wayne made the motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Megan
- d. VOTE: unanimous
 - i. → Recommendation to have Amy perform required background checks and set up interviews

10. Town Report Dedication

- a. Amy will ask the Office to gather suggestions to Town Report Dedication

11. Adjourn - 8:23 PM