

# TOWN OF LIVERMORE

## Board of Selectpersons

### MEETING MINUTES

May 29, 2018

6:30 PM

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

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

**PRESS:** Pam Harnden

**RESIDENTS:** Don Moreau

#### Meeting

1. Call to Order - 6:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes May 14, 2018
  - a. Wayne made the motion to accept the minutes as presented; Second by Mark.
  - b. VOTE: unanimous
4. Reports:
  - a. ~~Town Clerk Report~~
  - b. Highway Foreman Report - ROGER
    - i. Roger reported that winter sand is in the building for next season. The Town purchased an additional 500 yards to fill it and Roger estimates that there is 3,500 yards in the building. Tom asked for clarification regarding the sand purchased. Roger clarified that we had used all that was stored at R.S. Pidacks and the 500 was what we needed to fill the building. Wayne reminded him and the Board that this is where we should start seeing a return on the building in sand and salt.
    - ii. The Highway Department has been busy fixing washouts from the end of winter. Roger estimates they are 95% done. One of the worse washouts was on Butterhill Road. They cleaned up a considerable amount of rocks and sand at the bottom of the hill.
    - iii. They have also been busy repairing a culvert on Turkey Lane and cleaning up the turn-around. Roger stated the landowner asked if he could block the turn-around during the summer when the Town and School Busses aren't using it. The Board was OK with it being blocked as far as Town equipment is concerned, but stated the landowner should check with the School to see if they agree.
    - iv. Roger was happy to report that the Highway Department is once again fully staffed as Dan Boothby was hired as a part-time highway worker. Roger stated he dug right in and got busy updating Safety records and doing other tasks.
    - v. Amy provided Roger with information on street signs for 9-1-1 regarding private roads. There was discussion on the costs v benefits especially if there is an emergency.

c. Treasurer Report - AMY

- i. Amy reported Excise Tax collected in May to date is \$52,055.71 - 178% of the monthly goal. We are currently ahead of the annual goal by \$62,233.10. Amy recommends increasing the projected revenue to \$375,000
- ii. We are still waiting on an opinion for the 1 - 2016 Foreclosure Property.
- iii. As of today the 2017 Liens remain unchanged from the last meeting. (37 accounts totaling \$29,835.23)
- iv. Amy presented a worksheet showing the repair costs of the Highway Department Fleet over the past five years.
- v. Amy stated she had met with Paul Binette regarding the Property Tax base, proposed budget and LD-1. It was determined that the budget as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant exceeds LD-1 by approximately \$188,800. (Amy presented a copy of the calculation to the Board.) Amy will add the appropriate LD-1 article to the end of the warrant.

d. Administrative Report - AMY

- i. Amy reported the Planning Board meeting on Wed. May 23, 2018 - 6:30 PM was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. They are scheduled to meet again Weds. June 27
- ii. Amy reported there is an uptick in the number of GA cases we have handled this year. She has assisted the GA Director with a number of difficult cases. We think that the caseload will return to normal soon.
- iii. Paul Binette (Assessor) wishes to remind the Board there will be a walk-through of the Hydro facilities on Wednesday, June 13.
- iv. Amy updated the Board regarding Porta Potty vandalism at Round Pond. There were three incidents in the three weeks the potty has been out. It was determined that the Town is not required to provide facilities and that it is not in the best interest of the Town to put them out and have them continue to be vandalized.
- v. We continue to see lots of foot traffic in the Office. The Staff are diligently trying to use up their time-off before June 30. We have been able, most days, to have fill-in workers. We are seeing a number of days, however, when help is not available and the Office runs with just two employees. (Not the best practice - especially long-term - but it is doable.)

5. Old Business

a. Review Town Meeting Warrant

- i. Tom asked for the reasoning behind Article 8 - Referendum Voting. Wayne stated that many people have asked about it and it was felt we should put it out to the people to vote on. Megan stated she didn't remember where the Board agreed to put it on the warrant. Scott said that currently 30 to 50 people that attend Town Meeting decide the budget for the Town. He thought we might get better turnout if we went with Referendum Voting - especially if it coincides with RSU 73 Budget Voting.
- ii. Megan asked for Article 9 to be split out into two questions - with one specifically covering the proposed gift of land from Dollar General.
- iii. Megan asked Amy to double check the Budget Meeting Minutes for the amount in Article 22 - Planning Board. Megan thinks they agreed on \$500 not \$750.
- iv. Megan asked about Article 29 - Insurance Appropriation. She would like the \$250 deductible included in the amount. It was agreed that the Board can't appropriate it if it has been received yet.

- v. Tom asked about Article 24 and how it applies to Livermore as we have no roads that are Winter Maintenance only. Scott said that question has been on the warrant since he was 18. There was discussion on scenarios where it might be used. The general consensus was to leave it on the warrant to keep options open.
- vi. The Board asked Amy to make final revisions. Each Board Member will stop in on Thursday to sign. This is the final revision before the Town Report goes to the printer. The Town Report should be back in two days.

6. New Business

7. Public Comment

- a. Don Moreau asked if closing a road to winter maintenance resulted in fire/safety issues. He stated he remembered a case in Town years ago where a house burned (Bryant Road). Wayne provided the history of that issue.

8. Adjourn -7:18 PM

- a. Megan made the motion; Second by Mark.
- b. Vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amy L. Byron*, Administrative Assistant