

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2019

6:30 PM

BOARD: MARK CHRETIEN, SCOTT RICHMOND, TOM GOULD, BEN GUILD, WAYNE TIMBERLAKE

DEPT HEADS/EMPLOYEES: RENDA GUILD, AMY BYRON, ROGER FERLAND

RESIDENTS/GUESTS: INTERIM SUPT. BOB WEBSTER, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR BOB STAPLES, DWIGHT HINES

PRESS: PAM HARNDEN

SELECT BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes - March 4, 2019
 - a. Ben made the motion to approve the minutes with correction: *Add "Boothby" to Item 3.d.i. for clarity*; Second by Wayne.
 - b. VOTE: unanimous
3. RSU 73 Superintendent Webster
 - a. Interim Superintendent Webster introduced himself. He distributed and reviewed funding information. He then asked for questions...
 - b. Dwight Hines asked about the increased budget in Special Education and if it was due to an increase in cost of providing services or an increase in student count/need. Mr. Webster felt it was some of both.
 - c. Pam Harnden asked if Mr. Webster anticipated changes to the proposed budget on Thursday night. Mr. Webster stated it was possible.
 - d. Bob Staples stated the Board has worked very hard on this budget. They have concentrated on what could be done to reduce budget without a reduction in programs/services.
 - e. Ben Guild asked if we should expect things to equalize looking forward. Mr. Webster said he doesn't anticipate anything major.
 - f. Bob Staples noted they have looked at the bid process as a way to save some money.
4. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report - RENDA
 - a. Renda stated things have been running smoothly in the office. Tax payments are starting to trickle in.
 - b. Renda and Registrar Krista White will be attending the Secretary of State Conference held in Augusta in May
 - b. Highway Foreman Report - ROGER
 - a. Roger referred to comments regarding quality of work that were made during the last Budget Workshop. He stated it has been a difficult winter with in excess of 20 storms - some ice events. They have been out for three days working on ice/ water issues. He

stated some employee training has been necessary and hopes we will not have the same issues with winter roads next season. He said they have also spread 8 tons of patch, but are finding it hard to keep holes filled. They are picking up 24 ton/patch tomorrow.

- b. Wayne asked if we have a Ditching Plan Roger said he does not have funding to do all the work necessary. He would like to hear input on a plan. There was a discussion on the condition of our roads and ideas to “get back on top”. Tom distributed a spreadsheet that shows funds paid to contractors over the past five years. He suggested we allocate 1 ½% of the budget to contracted work such as tree trimming and ditching allowing Roger to concentrate on other duties. It would also provide for continuity and allow us to track work done and funds expended for that work.
 - c. Mark will distribute a list of roads in good shape.
 - d. Roger stated he has a 4th PT person which he didn’t have most of last summer. He stated they can run more equipment and move faster on jobs. Ben asked if he anticipated an increase in productivity with new wheeler. Roger said yes.
 - e. There was a short discussion on upkeep of gravel roads.
- c. Treasurer Report - AMY
- a. Amy reported \$18,598.99 was collected in Excise Tax to date. This is 60% of the monthly goal. We are on track to exceed our yearly goal.
 - b. Amy reported there are 3 accounts in Lien Status for unpaid 2017 Real Estate Taxes totaling \$3,311.72. The owners have until 6 PM on Thursday, March 21st to pay the entire balance due to avoid foreclosure.
 - c. Amy reported there are 63 accounts in Lien Status for unpaid 2018 Real Estate Taxes totaling \$47,031.09. Five accounts were paid off since the last meeting.
 - d. Our undesignated fund balance remains healthy and we should not have to utilize Tax Anticipated Note Funds.
- d. Administrative Report - AMY
- a. Amy reported she attended two breakfast meetings - one with the Interim Superintendent Webster and leaders from Jay and Livermore Falls; and one for the Chamber.
 - b. The final Town Budget to be proposed at Town Meeting has been completed. We are awaiting numbers from the State and RSU 73. Amy distributed a RSU 73 Budget Meeting schedule and told the Board the vote will be held Tuesday, April 23rd from 8 AM to 8 PM.
 - c. Amy met with the Planning Board on Thursday, March 14th for a Public Hearing and Special Meeting to review two Site Plan Applications. She also stated a resident has come forward wishing to serve on the Planning Board. Amy stated Jim Manter will be an asset to the Planning Board and recommends his appointment.
 1. Scott made the motion to appoint Jim Manter to the Planning Board; Second by Ben
 2. VOTE: unanimous
 - d. Amy distributed copies of the MDOT correspondence in regard to the 2019 Paving Project. Amy asked the Board to review the insurance information included.
 1. Mark made the motion to sign the MDOT agreement; Second by Tom
 2. VOTE: unanimous
 - e. Amy told the Board the County tax bill had been received. She asked the Board to sign the Assessors Return. She will return it to the County Treasurer’s Office.
 - f. Tom asked if we were on schedule with the Town Report. Amy reported we are ahead of schedule. She is working on the warrant and awaiting information for the Dedication. She asked the Board if they wished to have letters from Senators and Representatives

published as part of the Report. They declined -- stating the information is available elsewhere and ultimately increases the price of publishing the report.

5. Old Business
 - a. NONE
6. New Business
7. Public Comment
 - a. NONE
8. Adjourn - 7:40 PM
 - a. Scott made the motion to adjourn; Second by Ben
 - b. VOTE: unanimous