

# TOWN OF LIVERMORE

## Board of Selectpersons

### MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2019

6:30 PM

**BOARD:** BEN GUILD, WAYNE TIMBERLAKE, SCOTT RICHMOND, MARK CHRETIEN, BRETT DEYLING

**DEPT HEADS:** AMY BYRON, ROGER FERLAND, RENDA GUILD

**RESIDENTS/GUESTS:** NICK AND KARIN ASHMORE, KATHY LEE, CLIFF BERRY, JIM MANTER, KATHY PERKINS, GORDON JONES, FRANK AND LINDA GOODWIN, JEAN TARDIF, MIKE WEAVER, ED HAMBLIN

**PRESS:** PAM HARNDEN

#### Public Hearing

1. Call to order - 6:32 PM
2. Nominate & Elect Moderator - BEN GUILD
  - a. Mark made the motion to nominate Ben Guild as Moderator; Second by Scott
  - b. VOTE: UNANIMOUS
  - c. The Moderator was then sworn in by Town Clerk, Renda Guild
3. Public Comment - Inside Out Indoor Garden Supply
  - a. Amy introduced the project and asked Nick & Karen Ashmore to answer questions that were previously asked at a Planning Board meeting. Nick reviewed each question and answered to the best of his ability, including:
    - i. How many plants will they have? Nick answered that he does not intend to grow at this point, but typically the number of plants allowed varies depending on the age of the plant. He went on to discuss differences between State Law and Federal Law.
    - ii. He clarified that, if approved, the Store will carry Medical Cannabis & Equipment. It will not be a "pot lounge" or "pot shop".
    - iii. Can they refuse service if they suspect a buyer is under the influence? Nick answered - yes and a limit is set by State statute.
  - b. Public Comment
    - i. Mike Weaver asked questions about the application process.
    - ii. Kathy Lee asked Karin if they were concerned about security issues. Karin stated they had a security system in place, inside & outside the store with the ability to store 2 months of recording. They also have good lighting and police presence.
    - iii. Frank Goodwin stated Livermore is a small town, agricultural in nature. He asked why we are approving this in our Town when it is readily available in neighboring Towns. Nick Ashmore stated he wanted to dispel some of the bias regarding marijuana. He stated it is a medicine, and is helpful for many conditions wherever you get it. He cited several articles from a medical journal. Cliff stated there is an Ordinance banning Recreational/Adult Use Marijuana, but the

Medical Marijuana Law is separate and different. Mike Weaver stated Marijuana is agricultural.

- iv. Amy explained differences in Recreational/Adult Use & Medical Marijuana. She also explained how an Ordinance is drafted and approved.
- v. Kathy Lee stated she hopes the Town will support this and addressed the level of knowledge the Ashmores bring to the table. She shared a personal experience and noted the opioid crisis. She stated this could be a service to community.
- vi. Cliff noted the lack of Town police coverage as a concern.
- vii. Jean pointed out the hypocrisy of asking people to get it somewhere else. If it is done correctly, it can be very helpful.
- viii. Sylvia (Mike Weaver's Mother) asked to speak as she is not a resident. It was not approved.
- ix. Jim Manter told those in attendance that the Site Plan Review Application met all State and Town requirements. Reminded everyone that we do not currently have an Ordinance and this is perfectly within their rights.
- x. Nick pointed out that even with a Moratorium, this business would have been grandfathered whether they were following the law or not. His wife recommended they do it the right way. They run a respectable business. The police have never been called for anything. He believes that goes a long way and pointed out they are still here after 5 years.
- xi. Travis expanded on Jim's comment and stated they would be registered with and controlled by the State. In regards to morality, Travis said he has gained enough wisdom to know it isn't bad just because "they say it is". He asked everyone to keep it mind...

4. Adjourn - 6:59 PM

### **Special Meeting**

1. Call to order - 7:00 PM
2. Vote – Inside Out Indoor Garden Supply
  - a. Wayne made the motion to approve the business; Second by Scott  
Yay - 12  
Nay - 4  
APPROVED
3. Adjourn - 7:01 PM

### **SELECT BOARD MEETING**

1. Call to Order - 7:02 PM
2. Approval of Minutes - June 10, 2019
  - a. Wayne made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; Second by Ben
  - b. VOTE: unanimous
3. Nominate
  - a. Chair
    - i. Wayne made the motion to nominate Mark Chair of the Board for the new Fiscal Year; Second by Scott
    - ii. VOTE: unanimous
  - b. Vice Chair
    - i. Scott made the motion to nominate Wayne Vice Chair of the Board for the new Fiscal Year; Second by Mark
    - ii. VOTE: unanimous

#### 4. Reports:

##### a. Town Clerk Report - RENDA

- i. Renda reported it has been busy with Elections and Town Meeting
- ii. She reminded the Board that Friday marked the end of this Fiscal Year and that they should consider Board and Committee Appointments at the next meeting.
- iii. Scott asked if there was a candidate for the School Board seat. Renda said there has been no interest. It is a one year appointment and she has some feelers out, hoping to find someone willing to serve.
- iv. She gave kudos to Amy and thanked her for her work preparing for and presenting information at Town Meeting.

##### b. Highway Foreman Report - ROGER

- i. Roger reported the Highway Department will be on Vacation the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated Mike Cote will be available if there is an emergency. There was no objection from the Board. They suggested he schedule service on trucks during this time if needed.
- ii. They have completed some patching work and removed a rock on the Norlands Road.
- iii. They will be working on culverts and ditching on the River Road tomorrow.
- iv. The Power Washer was delivered. Roger purchased a wand that extends 18 feet for gutters and other jobs.
- v. Roger obtained two quotes to have the 2012 Volvo frame and body sand blasted and painted. He stated one of the quotes includes salt resistant paint with 2 year warranty. The price is \$1,000 higher than the other. If approved, it could be scheduled during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> when the Highway Department is off. The vendor came highly recommended.
  1. Ben made the motion to approve the bid that includes warranty in the amount of \$4,712.02; Second by Scott. VOTE: unanimous
- vi. Scott asked if the bid notice for paving work was out. Roger confirmed and said bids are due back for July 8. Brett asked if there had been any interest. Roger said there are two companies that he knows of and that it is a design build project.
- vii. Lastly, Roger reported they have having issues with beavers in Bartlett Pond. They built a screen for culvert. So far it appears to be working. There are also beavers in the wet area on Goding Road.

##### c. Treasurer Report - AMY

- i. Amy reported June Excise Tax Collections total \$25,819.45 to date. This is 83% of the monthly goal. Collections exceed the annual goal by \$89,809.72
- ii. 2018 Unpaid Real Estate Taxes involve 54 accounts totaling \$40,430.25 which is unchanged since the last report.
- iii. 30 day notices will be processed on Friday July 26, 2019.
- iv. Amy will be closing out the books for Fiscal Year 2019 on Friday, June 28. She can continue to process invoices for 60 days.

##### d. Administrative Report - AMY

- i. Town Meeting went well. There was an average attendance and the articles approved will bring us below LD-1
- ii. Office will be closing at noon on Friday, June 28.
- iii. Budget numbers will need to be entered in TRIO. It was determined that wages will be set at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting so that a full Board is present.
- iv. AVCOG - Household Hazardous Waste is scheduled & paid - August 10, 2019
- v. IFW Landowner Appreciation Day - September
- vi. Paul from O'Donnell & Associates is in the Office on Friday, June 28
- vii. Amy will be making manual adjustments in TRIO for waived vacation time
- viii. The second installment of the Revaluation Reserve money has been placed on deposit.
- ix. Pines Agreement - waiting for call back. Signs are here and will be installed.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

7. Public Comment

- a. Cliff asked about the process to address road questions/concerns. Mark said those issues should be reported to Roger. If there is a larger concern, it should be brought to the Board via the formal complaint process. Mark stated they are doing the best they can do with the money appropriated.
- b. Jim stated the Planning Board has a Medical Marijuana Ordinance drafted. Amy explained the process and thought of scheduling the Public Hearing and Special Meeting in conjunction with a Select Board Meeting.

8. Adjourn - 7:24 PM

Scott made the motion to adjourn; Second by Wayne

VOTE: unanimous