

Town of Livermore Falls

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Livermore Falls Town Office

6:30 PM

Attendance: Jeff Bryant, Chair, Rodney Heikkinen, Nixon Ortiz, Heather Bronish, Ernie Souther, Amanda Allen, and Amy Byron as well as Bill Nichols, Mark Holt and Donna Perry.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: May 18th, 2021

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Heather; Second by Nixon.

VOTE: 5 - 0

Old Business

- A) Spirit of America Nomination
 - i. Amanda asked the Board if they wished to nominate a person or group for the Spirit of America Award. Several suggestions were discussed. Ernie made the motion to award AYS; Second by Heather. VOTE: 5-0
- B) Sub Station Committee Update
 - i. Jeff told the Board the Committee has been meeting. They are seeking legal advice regarding the project. He will continue to update as details become available.

New Business

- C) Community Band – Dan LaBonte
 - i. Dan reminded the Board that there was no music at the Gazebo last year due to the COVID pandemic. He discussed the potential to have music this year and the Board had no issues with the program. Dan will talk with Jocelyn Collins for scheduling.
- D) July 3rd Fireworks
 - i. Amanda told the Board there should be nice fireworks this year. The COVID rules have changed and there is money that was budgeted last year and unused as well as this year's budget. Jeff made the motion to have the fireworks in conjunction with Jay and Livermore; Second by Ernie. There was discussion regarding a Parade. VOTE: 5-0
- E) Sewer Treatment Upgrade Discussion
 - i. Mark updated the Board as far as expected costs and potential grant money is concerned. He told the Board the Town is currently #2 in Maine to receive grant money. It is determined by need and we are high on the DEP list. He discussed the warrant article and contingency. A Special Town Meeting is required and should be scheduled for June

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15th at 6:30 PM – location to be determined. Heather made the motion; Second by Nixon. VOTE: 5-0

F) Close Town Office June 30 – Fiscal Year End

- i. Amanda reminded the Board June 30th is the end of the current fiscal year. There are reports and processing that needs to occur. She asked for a motion to close the Town Office. Jeff made the motion; Second by Rod. VOTE: 5-0

Warrants/ Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion

Heather: Masks are no longer required per the CDC. She suggested the Board consider the options. After some discussion, Jeff made the motion to make masks optional – at each person’s discretion; Second by Heather. VOTE: 5-0

Jeff: Noted the lifting of the limit on gatherings.

Mark: Updated the Board on the Vine St. project. He discussed the reduction in the amount of pipe needed and the cost savings by contracting with Ted Berry. He also noted the potential to receive \$1.7 million in grant money. It will be spearheaded by Shiloh.

Manager’s Discussion

Amanda told the Board she had cut stipend checks for the Select Board members.

Executive Session: MRS Title 1, Chapter 13 § 405 § 6.A. – Labor Negotiations

7:00 PM – Jeff made the motion to enter Executive Session for Labor Negotiations; Second by Heather. VOTE: 5-0

7:30 PM –Jeff made the motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Nixon. VOTE: 5-0

➔ No Action Taken. Amanda will attend the Negotiation Meeting.

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Adjourn:

7:30 PM - Heather made the motion to adjourn; Second by Rodney.
VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Byron, Clerk

