

Town of Livermore Falls

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Livermore Falls Town Office

6:30 PM

Attendance: Jeff Bryant, Chair, Rodney Heikkinen, Ernie Souther, and new Board Members William Kenniston, and Jim Long, Amanda Allen, and Amy Byron as well as Bill Nichols, and Eddie Hastings. Margaret Emery, Ricky Merrill, Forrest Genthner, Charlie Woodworth and Donna Perry.

6:25 PM Clerk Amy Byron swore in new Board Members William Kenniston and Jim Long.

6:30 PM Board Chair Jeff Bryant called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: June 1st, 2021

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ernie; Second by Rodney.

VOTE: 3-2 (Kenniston and Long abstained as they were not in attendance at the June 1, 2021 meeting)

New Business

- A) Welcome New Selectmen
 - i. Jeff extended a welcome to the new Board Members William Kenniston and Jim Long
- B) Elect a Chair Person
 - i. Rodney made the motion to appoint Jeff Board Chair; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5 - 0
 - ii. Ernie suggested the Board consider appointing a Vice Chair. After some discussion, Jeff made the motion to appoint Ernie Vice Chair; Second by Rodney. VOTE: 5 - 0
- C) First Baptist Church Carnival
 - i. Margaret Emery presented the Church's plan to hold a carnival in the Church parking lot July 16 - 18. The events will consist of a concert Friday evening at the gazebo, a carnival in the parking lot, food and a Sunday Service. Pastor Forrest Genthner told the Board the Church is fully insured for this event and asked them to grant a Special Amusement Permit. Jeff made the motion to hold a Public Hearing on June 29, 2021 at 6:30 PM; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5 - 0
- D) Presentation from Greater Franklin Development
 - i. Charlie Woodworth presented information regarding Broadband Service and updated the Board on progress made on design projects and Grant Funds available. He thanked the Town for supporting the effort.

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E) Select Board By-Laws

- i. Amanda noted the By-Laws were adopted in 2007. Jeff felt they should be reviewed and updated. After revision, the Board will schedule a first reading and a vote to adopt at a future meeting.

F) Town Facebook Page

- i. Amy presented information regarding the success of the area Town's Facebook Page. She also presented a Social Media Policy provided by MMA that should be adopted before a Facebook Page is developed. The Policy outlines procedures and standards of conduct for information sharing on the Page. Amy will be the Page Administrator with information being approved by Amanda. Ernie made the motion to adopt the Social Media Policy; Second by Jeff. VOTE: 5 - 0

Warrants/ Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion

Rodney: Rodney mentioned the fire that occurred on Park Street some time ago and asked if there was a plan for clean-up. Fire Chief Eddie Hastings noted that there was an ongoing investigation and that the Code Enforcement Officer has resigned. He suggested that once the investigation is closed and a Code Enforcement Officer is hired, this should be reviewed.

Ernie: Ernie noted he had received a complaint regarding the Town sign at the corner of Main and Bridge St. The resident felt the sign should be used more often. Amanda noted it has been difficult to maintain the sign as the office has been short-handed. She also noted Town has a new electronic sign and will have a Facebook Page. (Amy noted the VFW has been using the sign.)

Bill: Bill reviewed the paving projects and told the Board bids were opened earlier in the day. There were four potential bidders – only two returned bid packets. The bid was awarded to Spencer Group @\$78.00/ton. (St. Laurent & Son submitted a bid of \$84.00/ton.)

Bill told the Board he had approximately \$40,000 left in his budget. He recommended the purchase of dehumidifiers for the highway garage. There is extensive moisture on hot days. He told the Board w units would cost approximately \$10,400 and have a 6 year warranty. Jeff made the motion to approve the purchase; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5-0

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Manager's Discussion

Amanda notified the new Board Members, William Kenniston and Jim Long of a Newly Elected Officials Training on June 24, 2021 from 4 – 7:30 PM. This is required training.

Executive Session: MRS Title 1, Chapter 13 § 405 § 6.A. – Personnel Matters

7:15 PM – Jeff made the motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel Matters; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5-0

7:28 PM – Jeff made the motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5-0

→ Motion was made and seconded to post a full-time Treasurer position until a suitable applicant is found. VOTE: 5-0

Executive Session: MRS Title 1, Chapter 13 § 405 § 6.A. – Personnel Matters

7:30 PM – Jeff made the motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel Matters; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5-0

8:20 PM – Jeff made the motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Rodney. VOTE: 5-0

→ No Action Taken.

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

8:22 PM – Jeff made the motion to enter Executive Session for Labor Negotiations; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5-0

8:51 PM – Jeff made the motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Rodney. VOTE: 5-0

→ No Action Taken. Amanda will attend the negotiation meeting.

Adjourn:

8:52 PM - Jeff made the motion to adjourn; Second by Rodney.
VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,
Amy L. Byron, Clerk