



Town of Livermore Falls

Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 PM

Attendance: Jeff Bryant, Chair, Ernie Souther, Vice Chair, Rodney Heikkinen, William Kenniston, and Jim Long, Mark Holt, Amanda Allen, Amy Byron and Donna Perry. (as well as others signed in)

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes: June 29th, 2021 and July 13, 2021

- A.** Rodney made the motion to approve the June 29th minutes as presented; Second by Will. VOTE: 5-0
- B.** Jeff made the motion to approve the July 13th minutes as presented; Second by Rodney. VOTE: 5 – 0

3. New Business

C. Sewer Complaint – Bailey Brothers

Mark explained that there was an issue with sewer backup at the former Bowen Brothers building. The owner had called a plumber thinking it was an issue with the seal on the toilet. When the plumber arrived and began working, he decided the issue was more than the seal and began snaking the line. Upon discovering a clog, he contacted the Sewer Department. Vortex was called in to jet the main. Mark further explained that standard operating procedure is to contact the Town FIRST to avoid plumbing charges. In this case, the plumber was contacted first and claims he was told to bill the Town. Mark has spoken with the Sewer Department employee on call and this statement is denied. He has also spoken with the building owner and offered to pay half the bill...approximately \$216. (At this point in time, the Town's half has been paid.) The owner is asking the Town to pay the entire bill. After much discussion regarding policy, past practice and setting a precedent, Ernie made the motion to settle the matter as is; Second by Rodney. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Jeff abstained.)



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D. Apple Pumpkin Festival Discussion

Jeff made the motion to table the discussion to the next meeting; Second by Will. VOTE: 5-0 (Chamber member not present)

E. Sewer Issue – Shuy Corner Pump Station

Mark explained that he discovered a malfunction causing sewer to be discharged into the Clay Brook at the Shuy Corner Pump Station while doing routine checks. He notified DEP immediately and called in CH Stevenson. They began to vacuum and pump the brook. He told the Board the cost for clean up and repair is expected to be \$33,456.23. Because of his quick action and a plan to monitor pump stations more closely, the Town will not incur a fine.

F. Spruce Mountain Ski Slope – Blues Concert

Amanda told the Board that Burgess Bass LLC will be hosting a Blues Bash at the Ski Slope on August 6th and 7th. The cost for the Bash is \$40/weekend or \$10/day. All permits will be issued by the Town of Jay as the Ski Slope is in that town. The organization is fully insured.

4. Old Business

a. First Reading of By-Laws

- i. Jeff made the motion to table the reading to the next meeting; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5 – 0

5. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

a. Abatement

- i. Amanda presented a Personal Property abatement request for Bank of America. The BETE exemption had not been applied. The abatement is for \$364.24.
 1. Ernie made the motion to grant the abatement; Second by Jeff. VOTE: 5-0

6. Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion

- a. **Jim** - NA
- b. **Will** – had questions regarding Water Quality Test Results. He was told to speak with Scott Greenleaf.
- c. **Rodney** – NA
- d. **Jeff** – NA
- e. **Ernie** – Noted that a guardrail on Route 17 is leaning. It was noted this is DOT responsibility.
- f. **Mark** – will be giving Will a tour of the Sewer Treatment Plant tomorrow. Other Board Members are welcome to attend.



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7. Manager's Discussion

- a. **Amanda** – the Office will be open full days on Wednesdays starting the first week of August.

8. Executive Session: MRS Title 1, Chap. 13 § 405 § (6) (D) Labor Negotiations

a. 7:27 PM

- i. Jeff made the motion to enter Executive Session; Second by Ernie.
VOTE: 5-0

b. 7:42 PM

- i. Jeff made the motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Rodney.
VOTE: 5-0

- There was discussion regarding the need to have a plan in place if a contract is not signed with the Police Department. The Board discussed the need to determine feasibility and expense to contract with County.

9. Adjourn

- a. 7:54 PM Jeff made the motion to adjourn; Second by Ernie. VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,
Amy L. Byron, Clerk