

*Town of Livermore Falls*  
*Office of the Board of Selectmen*

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*William Kenniston*

*Rodney Heikkinen*  
*Jim Long*

**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday March 1, 2022**  
**Livermore Falls Town Office**  
**6:30 pm**

**ATTENDEES:** Jeff Bryant; Chair, William Kenniston, Rodney Heikkinen, Jim Long, Amanda Allen, Rebecca Harmatys, Bill Nichols, Tom Barker, Gayle Long

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

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Medical Marijuana License Approval – Roger Moulton, (The Local Joint – 7 Baldwin Street)**

Jeff opened the meeting introducing Roger Moulton. The Town Manager reported that the Planning Board approved the Site Plan Review Application at the Meeting Jan 19. Mr. Moulton has a plan for the Retail Store; he has increased the security cameras and window locks. The updated odor mitigation system has been reviewed and approved by the State engineer. His hours of operation will be Mon–Sat. 9am–7pm with tentative plans to open March 31. He presented copies of the marketing signs for Rte. 133 and Rte. 4. The Selectmen asked if 18 yr. olds can have a medical marijuana card. The State allows 18 yr. olds to have medical marijuana cards  
Motion to Approve: J Bryant; Seconded: W Kenniston: VOTE 4-0

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**2. Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2022** Motion to Approve: R. Heikkinen; Seconded: JL; VOTE: 4-0

**3. New Business**

- **Budget Committee** – Sheila Scanlon. J Bryant made a motion to approve the addition of Sheila Scanlon to the Budget Committee, no one seconded. She will not be part of the Budget Committee
- **Budget Discussions**

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- a. **Library:** Pat Allen reported that budgeted monies are used for salaries/wages, computer support, computers, furniture and books. She is requesting \$100,363. Wages are going up \$5,000. Minimal financial support comes from donations and fund-raising events, none are planned for this year. Seventeen (17) communities have members in the library.
- b. **Recreation:** Sally Boivin – There's been no summer rec for 2 years so they anticipate a lot of interest for 2022. On average, over 300 children go to summer rec who receive 2 meals a day during the 6-week program. Former budgeted stipends and wages were based on the minimum-wage, \$12.15 which has recently increased to \$12.75. Stipends are for Sally and two assistants. Counselors work 20–30 hrs. a week, dependent on enrollment and programs. Additional review will be done to determine the budget for wages.
- c. **Agency Requests:**
1. RCAM – requesting \$1000 – Tom Barker reported that he has worked with RCAM for over 50-years and supports their request and initiative.
  2. Maine Public Radio - \$50 – No Representative
  3. AYS Insurance – \$1000 - No Representative
  4. AYS Heating - \$1000 - No Representative
  5. Spruce Mountain - \$500- No Representative
  6. Seniors Plus - \$1500- No Representative
  7. Safe Voices - \$500- No Representative
  8. Kennebec Behavioral - \$400- No Representative
  9. Community Health & Counseling-\$50-No Representative
  10. Androscoggin Health and Hospice - \$500 - Tom Fogarty reported that they serve 83 residents for an annual expense of \$400,000. They do not deny care requests. Historically they ask towns to help make up the difference between payments from Medicare/Medicaid and actual costs. They recently bought Care & comfort which addresses Behavioral Health and are expanding their services.
  11. The Tri-Town Food Cupboard-\$100-No Representative

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- d. **Insurances:** The numbers will be received in mid-April from MMA. Big changes aren't anticipated
- e. **Elected Officials:** Assessors will not change. J Long suggested that the Selectmen stipend be reduced by half.
- f. **Debt Service:** Everything will stay the same based on what has already been committed.

#### **4. Warrants/Abatements/ Deeds/Quit Claim**

#### **5. Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion**

- a. J Long – NA
- b. R Heikkinen – NA
- c. W Kenniston – NA
- d. J Bryant – On the 29, the architect will have all the information necessary to determine the best site for the Fire Substation including requirements for size, plumbing etc.
- e. A Allen: During the March 15 Select Board Meeting, the following budgets will be reviewed
  - Administration
  - Contractual
  - Budget Improvements

It will be necessary to have another meeting after the 15<sup>th</sup> to finalize things for the April 7 budget deadline. There will be a Public Hearing at the end of April when all of the warrants will be read to the Public.

Revenue projections are not due until August but A Allen will give the Board a rough estimate prior to August. A Allen has asked MMA to present to the Board "How the TIF/ARPA " funds can be used.

School budget Public Hearing is April 25, School vote on April 26th

- 6. Manager's Discussion** Tom Barker will have a Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 9 at the Town Office. The March Planning Board Meeting will be canceled as two (2) Planning Board members will be out of state.

#### **7. Adjourn**

- a. 7:28PM - Motion to Adjourn, J Bryant; Seconded by J. Long; VOTE 4-0.

