

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

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*William Kenniston*

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Select Board Meeting Minutes  
**Tuesday April 5, 2022**  
Livermore Falls Town Office  
**6:30 pm**

**ATTENDEES:** Jeff Bryant; Chair; William Kenniston; Rodney Heikkinen; Jim Long, Amanda Allen, Rebecca Harmatys, Mike Booker, Ernest Steward, Bill Nichols, Gayle Long

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

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Approval of Minutes: March 28,2022:** Motion to approve with correction to #5-c; R Heikkinen Seconded: J Bryant VOTE : 4-0

**3. New Business**

- Appoint new Code Enforcement Officer – Brandon Hobbs was hired 15 days ago
- Fire Sub-Station Update – J Bryant – The Consultant Engineer from NH looked at Lot #43 which is owned by Charlie Barker and a lot near Stevenson gravel pit owned by Peter Morse. He recommends that Peter Morse's property is best, 200ft X 300ft. Due to current cost of building supplies, the Substation Committee (5-members) agreed with the recommendation to downsize the original construction plan. The smaller building would easily accommodate a pumper truck. P Morse will sell the land to the town for \$12,000. J Bryant made a motion that the Town pursue this opportunity. Seconded: W Kenniston VOTE 4.0
- Allen received a letter from the Budget Committee. All members of the Budget Committee have resigned. The Committee didn't have any meetings this fiscal year and weren't able to comply with the quorum requirements.

**4. Old Business**

- **Budget Discussions:** The Selectmen vote on the budget for approval to go on the Warrant. Once on the Warrant, each budget item will be read to the Public Hearing in June prior to the Referendum.
  - Elected Officials- \$11,653 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget. Seconded: R Heikkinen VOTE 4-0
  - Administration – \$318,929.92 The Sewer Clerk is not part of this budget. J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget. Seconded: R Heikkinen VOTE 4-0
  - Police Department – \$654,383.09 W Kenniston is concerned about the budget for Cruiser. J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget. Seconded: R Heikkinen VOTE 3-1

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- Fire Department - \$133,836 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; W Kenniston VOTE 4-0
- Contractual - \$345,989 Street Light conversion to LED is not included. Fire Hydrant rates will increase but the Town won't be notified of change until May. There will be a Public Hearing when Town is notified of new rates. J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; R Heikkinen VOTE 4-0
- Code Enforcement - \$16,600 . J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; W Kenniston VOTE 4-0
- Public Works – \$543,200 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; R Heikkinen in VOTE 4-0
- Paving - \$120,000 .J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; W Kenniston VOTE 4-0
- Transfer Station -\$163,694 Almighty Waste is the current vendor that collects waste. They have just notified B Nichols that there will be a \$11,000 increase per year. To help mitigate the increase, B Nichols suggested that the Transfer Station could increase the charge for demo from \$15 to \$20 per yard. There will also be an increase charge for freon removal. J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; W Kenniston VOTE 4-0
- Buildings – \$93,253 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; R Heikkinen VOTE 4-0
- Library - \$105,718.44 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; W Kenniston VOTE 4-0
- Summer Recreation - 2020 and 2021 unspent and carried over budgets. J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; Heikkinen VOTE 4-0
- Grounds Care – \$3,900 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; J Long VOTE 4-0
- General Assistance - \$8,960 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; R Heikkinen VOTE 4-0
- Insurances - \$118,000 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; W Kenniston VOTE 4-0
- Capital Improvement – \$113,000 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; J Long VOTE 3-1
- Health Officer – \$1,292 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget Seconded; R Heikkinen VOTE 4-0
- Agency Requests-\$6,000 J Long expressed his lack of support for the Town to grant funds for \$50-Maine Public Radio; \$500-Safe Voices; \$400-Kennebec Behavioral; \$50-Community Health & Counseling; \$500-Androscoggin Homecare & Hospice. J Bryant made the Motion to Accept Long's suggestions and reduce the original proposed budget of \$7,500 to a proposed new 2022 budget of \$6,000. Seconded; J Long VOTE 4-0

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- Contingency – \$10,000 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget **Seconded**; R Heikkinen VOTE 4-0
- Debt Service \$58,773 J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget **Seconded**; W Kenniston VOTE 4-0
- Professional Services – \$80,979 J long reminded the Board that the Business Development Committee has previously recommended that \$15,000 be held in savings for future revaluation. J Bryant made the Motion to include the \$15,000 in the budget and Accept the revised proposed new 2022 budget. **Seconded**; W Kenniston 4-0
- Recreation – \$14,275 J Long discussed adding a position of Community Development Coordinator. He suggested allocating \$33,000 for part time person to coordinate volunteers, supplies, signs, communication supplies, and decorations for Town center. This could be funded by TIF or ARPA funds. J Bryant suggested that this be discussed in a future meeting. J Bryant made the Motion to Accept the proposed 2022 budget **Seconded**; W Kenniston VOTE 4-0

**5. Warrants/Abatements/ Deeds/Quit Claim**

**6. Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion**

- a. J Bryant – NA
- b. J Long – NA
- c. R Heikkinen – NA
- d. W Kenniston –NA
- e. M Booker: During training a couple weeks ago, there was a serious noise with ladder truck, the mechanic said it will cost \$20,000 or more to correct issues. Mechanic will give us \$10,000 for the disabled ladder truck. Additionally, the airport truck isn't safe to use. The mechanic will trade the ladder (worth about \$10,000) & airport truck #6 engine (worth \$10000) for a 1991 Newton pumper truck that is in good shape with no rust. This would be the primary truck. Engine #1, a pumper truck could go to the substation. The \$13,000 that is budgeted for Ladder truck tires will be used to update the Newton pumper truck. Chief Booker indicated that Ladder Truck needs will be covered by Jay, Wilton, Farmington or Winthrop. The LF ladder truck is too big for many of streets in the town. J Bryant made the motion to trade the two trucks for the Newton pumper truck. **Seconded**; W Kenniston. VOTE 3-1

**7. Manager's Discussion** The STATE has informed A Allen that the Town has to have a Clerk appointed. . A Allen is recommending Doris Austin, Sewer Clerk, for interim Town Clerk position. J Bryant made the motion to appoint Doris Austin as interim Clerk. **Seconded**; J Long VOTE 4-0

- Town Office will be Closed - April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Public Hearing for the Town Budget – Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Public Hearing RSU 73 Budget - Tuesday, April 26 8a-8p at the Fire Station

**8. 7:44 pm Adjourn:** Motion to Adjourn J Bryant: ; **Seconded**; R Heikkinen VOTE: 4-0