



Town of Livermore Falls



Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 PM

****AMENDED****

BOARD: Jim Long, Ernie Souther, Will, Kenniston, Bruce Peary

DEPARTMENT HEADS/EMPLOYEES:
Amanda Allen, Billy Nichols, Ernie Stewart, Brandon Hobbs

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC: (see sign in sheet)

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes: September 6, 2022

Ernie noted a correction to notes as written, to change the utility person to operator in lines four and six of paragraph 4

Jim made first motion to approve the minutes as corrected; Ernie made second motion to accept as corrected

VOTE: 4-0 to accept as corrected

Old business:

Ordinances:

Will questioned "who needs permits" for special amusement

Brandon's reply is no changes to the ordinances other than the adding the amplification.

Special amusement:

Will made motion to accept the addition of the amplification

Jim made second motion

VOTE: 4-0 to accept and send to legal to finalize



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Mobile Food:

Suggested food truck permit is \$200.00 license fee, seems high for maybe a one-day event such as the Apple Pumpkin Festival maybe we can have an alternate short term permit, possibly a 3-day permit at a reduced rate.

Ernie suggested setting up trucks in a manner in which they are all together and could be considered a "food court" as well as the times in which they can operate.

Brandon agreed to rewrite:

Will-table food vendor ordinance for further review.

Ernie made second motion to table

VOTE: 4-0 in favor to table for further review for food vendors.

Solar:

Will said this ordinance is very well written.

Jim's only question is the fee a one-time or annual

Brandon's answer, it is an annual fee

Ernie made first motion to accept as is

Jim made second motion to accept

VOTE: 4-0 in favor of accepting with the annual fee and sending it to legal for review.

Medical marijuana:

Ernie, would like to go with three businesses in the village and zero outside village and grandfather those in businesses already established

Would like the limit of three in Livermore Falls.

Will, Let's not limit business, they will weed themselves out.

Bruce, "will this effect Dana Cummings as he is already in the process and we are just waiting for the parking survey"

Brandon's answer is Dana had his public hearing and is in process already so this doesn't affect him.

Jim stated that section 11 paragraph 4 that a potential business has twelve months to get business established.

Would also like to revise application fee from \$250.00 to \$500.00. and to look at license fees for revisions as stated in the ordinances the selectboard has ability to change fees.



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Will, Maine has changed wording from marijuana to cannabis to reduce stigma and would like to see us follow this direction.

Jim-made suggestion to table medical marijuana ordinance to make suggested changes of:

Wording, fees, corrected typo errors, limiting establishments and including grandfather in wording.

Jim made first motion to table until changes are made.

Bruce-made second motion

VOTE: 4-0 to table the medical marijuana ordinance until changes made.

7:05 Old business concluded

Amanda asked for a short recess

7:09 New Business:

A. Wright-Pierce- Amanda has rejected

B. Centrifuge Control Panel Installation Cost.

Mark spoke to the fact that we have spent roughly 45% of the budget to date, we have had some design changes and we are short about \$404,000.00 in engineering although not technically short because we have the contingency plan that was made.

Jeff Preble spoke in regards of the treatment plant and where we are at this point. We are 1 year into the project.

First thing was to tackle the sludge holding tanks, the tank walls took revisions that are now almost complete.

Primary clarifiers now 2-cylinder tanks and waiting for the controls as well as site improvements and electrical work and building the access road.

The process building is being brought up to code.

heating and cooling equipment is being worked on as well as the siding and again getting some of these things has been a challenge due to wait times from the vendors.

As far as budget goes, we are at 6.4 million to date and the original date to operate was 11-28-2023 due to the six change



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orders it was pushed back 112 days to March of 2024 and now with changes from the contact tank and the delay in getting parts and materials at this point it is looking to be July of 2024 to be up and running.

The \$6.4 million puts us at 45% of the budget used, there has been some submittals not up to spec and needed to be redone because of changes.

Sludge tanks- 2 tanks replacing 3 for easier accessibility for cleaning and maintenance, modifications needed to be done in the rebar because it is on ledge and could not go deeper so went wider. Chlorine contact is the last step.

Working with the Fire department and the code enforcement, Hvac system all has to be upgraded and brought to code, Mark says it will cost a fortune to heat the building because they have to open up the building 3 times per hour which lets all the cold in and heat out.

Some miscellaneous items being worked on are the heating, ventilation system as well as the sump pump arrangement and controller for the centrifuge and odor control.

Elimination of scum contact was done and we received credit.

Will asked if any of this could have been avoided, Jeff's response is not really with old buildings and old equipment sometimes you just don't know until you get into a project.

Looking into a different aeration system:

Vortex charges \$25,000.00 to clean tank every 4-5 years and with the new system we will no longer have to hire this out will be more cost effective to run and will be best for the plant.

Jeff- inspection budget should be good to carry out remainder of project.

Jeff- admin and construction budget good through early 2023

Jeff also mentioned congressional funds

Church, Knapp and Millett streets is under budget, the budget is 1 million dollars.

Main, Depot and Park St. project which goes from Church St. down to Shuy corner will need roughly 2 million dollars.



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The plant will get an additional 3 million dollars bringing the budget up to 17 million dollars total

Ernie asked Jeff to please get a copy of the DOT plans Park St project to the town.

Mark: At this time we are just giving you information, we are not asking for money at this time.

Contractors have been working with us, however some vendors have been requesting money up front.

Centrifuge control panel installation costs:

On 6-13-2022 \$80,000.00 was approved for the for the centrifuge panel and we have paid 40% for the unit to be built, the unit will be here in December and we will have Electrical Systems do the installation at a cost of \$39,735.00 and we will have Bracket Mechanical install the motor at a cost of \$2500.00 so asking for up to \$45,000.00 from the joint reserve account to cover these costs and will also be asking for the same amounts at the Jay select board meeting on September 26th. At this time there is approximately \$140,000.00 in the joint account.

Ernie made first motion to approve up to \$45,000.00 from the reserve account to cover the installation costs.

Will made second motion

VOTE: 4-0 in favor

Tipping fees:

At this time our main business that dumps is Nickerson's out of Turner and we are charging \$115.00 per 1000 gallons of waste, with this we profit \$65.00 but with increased costs of materials we are asking to increase to \$130.00 per 1000 gallons.

The calculated costs sheet show that our numbers are justified and are in line with PFAS laws and would like this increase to be effective as of September 1, 2022

Ernie asked about the fees for campers and at this time they are \$10.00.

Ernie has made first motion to accept the tipping fee increase to \$130.00 and to have Mark check on an increase to the campers to maybe \$15.00 after checking with other towns to see what they charge.



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Bruce made second motion

VOTE 4-0 to accept increase on tipping fees and further checking on campers increase

Heating system for sewer treatment plant:

To heat the control building it is about 3500 gallons of heating oil which is about \$7200.00 per year we would like to be able to swap over to propane boiler which will save us money and this can all be done in house which will save the town money.

At this time propane is \$1.939 per gallon compared to the \$3.699 for heating oil.

We would go with the plan in place for now and would not happen for at least a year and would work with the new system but needed to pass this information on for a later date.

8 High St.:

Ben West is contesting the findings and talk about the CEO Brandon.

Amanda made request that this goes to executive session
Request granted.

Noise complaint:

Residents from 32 Main St are complaining that the traffic is loud and requesting signs that say Quiet Zone and No Air brakes as well as more police presence.

The residents at 32 Main St. say that they have to keep their windows closed because the traffic is so loud and feel that if the police could make more of a presence and monitor the traffic including making sure all vehicles have a valid inspection sticker because they see a problem with mufflers.

Chief says the guys are out patrolling and doing what they can.

Jim would like to review with Ernie and see if they can make a plan for more police presence.

3. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

a. Warrants were reviewed and signed



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1 quit claim was signed

4. Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion BOARD

Jim: Nothing

Will: Would like to put some information together to see
What we can do about bringing more business to town.

*Such as what the town has to offer

*Information on schools

*Available business spaces

*List of town owned properties for sale

Bruce: Nothing

Ernie: Would like to make sure all papers that go into the vault are dated.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief- August had 349 calls

9 arrests

15 summonses

4 traffic summonses

Light bar for the new cruiser is in, waiting for installation

Maverick still at academy and Andrew to go in January.

Bill- guys have been staying busy, working on a retaining wall,
Ditching and the tennis courts

Ken, our new utility person has been staying busy

Our mechanic gave his notice September 19th

Brandon- Made visit to 32 Baldwin St with Amanda and police

They are making process in the cleanup.

LF Amish Trust is moving forward plan to have 3 homes built before winter
hits.

There were 11 violation notices sent in August

7 properties from July notices have started clean up.

Clarification was done on dog barking ordinance and it is in fact a police issue.

Doris- Would like to have more community involvement that includes trunk or
treat on October 31st from 5-7 pm which is the same as nearby towns and
there will be no cost to the town as it will be the employees paying for the



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treats and a rabies clinic to be held at the fire station on a Saturday morning, will work with local vet to set a date.

Ernie made first motion in favor of both of these activities

Jim made second motion

VOTE 4-0 in favor of going forward with both activities.

8:34 Jim made first motion to enter executive session

Ernie made second motion

VOTE: 4-0 in favor of entering executive session

Respectfully Submitted by Doris Austin, Town Clerk