

Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 PM

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS/EMPLOYEES: Amanda Allen, Interim Police Chief Michael Atwood, Brandon Hobbs (CEO), Mark Holt (Sewer Dept), William Nichols (Public Works), Alex Pawson (Deputy Clerk)

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC: (see sign in sheet)

Call to Order JL at 6:30pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING: United Way/AYS Hall of Horrors Permits

JL motion to initiate hearing, Second by WK. Vote 4-0.

Kendra Baker, from United Way Tri-Valley Area, handed out floor plans to the Selectmen. KB explained this event is the UWTVA's biggest fundraising event of the year. It is usually held in Farmington, but they wanted to expand further out since their service area includes several towns. KB says a UWTVA member suggested to partner with AYS this year. KB says they've never had an issue with alcohol at prior events and that a good number of tickets have been sold already. JL opens the floor to questions. Donna Perry asks for clarification about alcohol. KB says it's an all-ages event, with the alcohol-serving area being separate from the main event area and beverages must be consumed within that area. Gayle Murphy asks about no-scare events. KB details their plans. DP asks about the dates of the event. WK asks about State approval for the event. KB says they need Town approval first, then it is sent to the State. Mary St. Pierre comments about her own haunted trail event. MSP will be helping the UWTVA this year instead of having her own event. BP asks if there is a limit on the number of alcoholic beverages served. KB says yes. JL closes public comment. JL asks if CEO/Fire Marshall have been involved. KB says yes. WK says the application seems thorough and well done. WK asks about alcohol near school zone. Interim Chief MA says they are in compliance. WK asks if an officer will be at the event. AA says yes. JL asks if fire dept will be at event. AA says yes. BP clarifies location.

WK motion to accept both permits (special amusement, alcohol), Second by BP. Vote 4-0.

2. Approval of Minutes: July 19, 2022

BP motion to approve as written, Second by JL. Vote 3-1

3. Old Business

Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance

JL says review and send to attorney.

ES motion to accept, Second by WK. Vote 4-0

Special Amusement Ordinance

JL says the amendment refers to the sound amplification section.

ES motion to accept, Second by BP. Vote 4-0

DP asks if gazebo events need SAO. BH replies they can get an annual permit since they bring in different musicians regularly. Brandon says the fees can be waived for non-profit organizations.

Ordinance to Allow and Regulate Medical Marijuana Retail Stores, Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities and Medical Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facilities

BP motion to accept, no second. JL suggests modifying fee schedules, including increasing from \$250 to \$500 for retail renewal and separate fees for manufacturing/cultivation due to added costs of inspections, meetings, office staff work. JL motions to amend as suggested. Roger says public should have more input. JL says the Board can make changes at any time. Tammy Coffman asks if public can ask questions at some point. JL said public hearing was two weeks ago, but allows TC's question. Asks why so many stores with our low population. JL says the Board limited the stores in the Village Area and where that area is. TC expressed concerns about the viability of the retail stores. Roger asks about cultivation in Village Area. JL says Roger is grandfathered in. WK asks why there is a limit. JL says population density and safety concerns. BH says grandfathering rules are outlined by the State. BH says odors are mostly from manufacturing not stores. JL said the Board can change things later as well. Unknown citizen comments about kitchens and edible use. JL says the amendment also extends the opening time from 9:00am to 7:00am. WK asks why regulate times. WK asks how long it takes for applications. BH says one hour. ES and WK ask about proposed fee increase. JL says fees would be in-line with other towns and offset costs (as stated above).

JL motion to approve revisions, revised fees, and ask CEO to add language for low-risk manufacturing processes, Second by BP. Vote 3-1

JL asks BH to make changes and send to attorney. AA agrees. TC remarks about how fireworks stores had many stores but they have gone away. JL says this revised ordinance is attempting to get in-line with the will of the townspeople.

4. New Business Alongside Bond Resolution

MH says last year the Town received a \$1.65m bond, of which \$1,030,000 is principal forgiveness amount. MH is not asking for more money, just an extension of the term to October 2023. MH explains that repayment will not begin until a significant portion of the work is complete, and estimates some time in 2024.

ES motion to extend bond term as requested, Second by JL. Vote 4-0

5. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

None

6. Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion

WK: School's volunteer community service program is seeking opportunities for students to get community service hours. GM asks if they get credit hours. WK says yes.

BP: Asks about replacing the stop sign on Church St. WN says MDOT is responsible for that, they are aware, and he has seen DOT trucks in that area.

JL: none

ES: none

MH: Discusses amendment to increase the Engineering Services contract. It will be going over by a substantial amount. The estimate was \$403,000, with \$90,000 in estimated overages. MH says current forecasted cost is

\$311,000. MH says inspector hours have been cut and Jeff Preble discussed the project at the previous meeting. MH says the contingency line should have \$101,000 left if amendment is approved. WK asks about treasury money turnaround. MH says that takes four weeks, down from ten weeks before. JL asks about overages. MH replies unexpected hindrances and availability of supplies.

JL motion to accept amendment and allow AA to sign, Second by BP. Vote 4-0.

Interim Police Chief Michael Atwood reports LFPD responded to 347 calls in September, had eight arrests, and 71 traffic stops. MA says the new cruiser is finished and is in service. JL asks if it is a hybrid. MA says it is and that the costs have dropped. WK asks about ridealongs. MA says it was stopped for Covid, but that they can be done now. WK asks if the revenue from traffic stop tickets goes to the Town or the State. MA says the State sees 100% of that revenue.

WN: Highway Dept is working on brush & leaves and getting ready for winter. WN says Ken Pelletier has been painting the garage and working on improving the Town Office grounds & building. WN says the transfer station hasn't had any major issues recently. WN warns that fuel costs are rising and the Town will likely see additional surcharges this winter.

BH: The town has 26 known properties in violation. One was sent to the legal team. Eight have voluntarily complied to clean up. Ten are reported as "no change." One has gotten worse since the last check. Three need follow-up inspections. There are seven new notices that will be sent on 10/20/22. BH discusses the 10/17/22 Fire Marshall's walkthrough at the Hall of Horrors venue. BH says they'll be issued a conditional occupancy permit.

7. Manager Discussion

AA says UW application fee should be waived (non-profit).

BP motion to waive fee, Second by ES. Vote 4-0.

AA says AYS application fee should be waived (non-profit).

JL motion to waive fee, Second by BP. Vote 4-0.

AA says the sewer operator position has been filled.

JL motion to enter Executive Session, Second by BP. Vote 4-0

Executive Session: MRS Title 1, Chap 13 § 405 § (6) (A)

8. Adjournment