



## *Town of Livermore Falls*



Jim Long- Chair  
Ernie Souther- Vice Chair  
William Kenniston

Bruce Peary  
James Cyr

Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday April 4, 2023  
Livermore Falls Town Office  
**6:30pm**

6:30pm Meeting called to order JL  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>**

March 9<sup>th</sup> minutes: Jim C and Ernie were not present, therefore cannot vote, Will table until is Jim L, Bruce, and Will are present.

March 21<sup>st</sup> minutes will be tabled as well, Board has incorrect minutes.

**Old Business:**

**Solid Waste Ordinance Review**

Solid Waste Ordinance current policy states see through poly or PVC bags must be used at the transfer station and although we have only allowed clear bags, we are asking for the interpretation on the policy to include "white bags" as well because our residents are having a very difficult time finding the clear bags. Selectboard members feel this interpretation includes white bags as well.

Also, Bill wanted to discuss the 2 waste haulers that dump in Livermore Falls: Archie's and Darcy's. Bill told the board that the haulers are showing up late in the day and taking a long time to unload and causing his guys to have to work late, and them dumping at the transfer station adds to the towns tipping fees while the other 4 haulers that pick up in Livermore Falls bring the trash to places like Augusta or Norridgewock and pay the tipping fees so no cost to the town. Bill added that he would like to replace the fence that is there with a solid fence to prevent it from being opened and this would actually be safer and would possibly prevent someone from being hurt.

Darcy Croteau from Darcy's Disposal spoke up and said she is doing the best she can and hoping to update her equipment to be quicker at the transfer station. She has 37 customers in Livermore Falls and it would be that many more people going to the transfer station. Amanda told the Board that Darcy has also not turned in her application or her insurance information or paid the town fees and that this is not the first time the town has had issues with Darcy. Same issues December 2021 and the same response of hoping to upgrade her equipment. Darcy said she had not received the application in the mail. Darcy was reminded that the town office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:00 but we will see where the board stands with their decision on April 18<sup>th</sup> after they have all the information.

Ernie made the 1st motion to table until further information is received. Bruce made the 2nd motion.  
VOTE: 4-0 to table for more information.

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### **Sign side agreement for mechanic position:**

Looking at the agreement for the mechanic's position the board would like this to be revised and to be specific as they are not clear if this includes the 7% retention bonus or the 2 ½ percent increase in the union contract.

Jim Long states the board needs exhibit A before moving forward, they thought it would be \$25.00 per hour without the 2 ½ percent increase in July.

### **Sign side agreement for employee wage increase:**

Bill asked if we would be losing the 7 % in July and Jim L said yes when the raise was approved for 1 year from the "ARPA" money it was only approved from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, however it should have been built into the budget and therefore is going for vote and if it passes the raises stay.

### **New Business:**

#### **Proposed ordinances accepted by Town Clerk:**

No ordinance to accept as the interpretation of the clear/white PVC trash bags was clarified.

### **FY2022-2023 Budget Overrun**

Amanda told the board that code enforcement has run out of money in the budget and is not working at this time and is asking for a special town meeting to request money to pay him, she also mentioned that admin fees will be running out soon due to unforeseen legal fees. Jim L. asked how much would it cost the town to bring CEO back for the rest of the budget year, Amanda told the board that it would cost \$6900.00 which includes the 7% FICA and if he remained at the hours he has been working although he was only budgeted for 15 hours per week but has been working an extra day per week since she has been out. Ernie's suggestion is that the CEO works 15 hours per week until we find out when and how the extra day per week was approved.

Jim L. suggested that money be taken out of the contingency to cover the wages based on 15 hours per week for the remainder of the budget year.

Jim C made the 1st motion to bring the CEO back to work using contingency funds.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE 4-0 in favor of using contingency funds to cover wages for the remainder of the budget year for CEO.

**Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim:** Nothing

**Board Discussion:** Nothing

### **Department Heads:**

March updates:

Mike Adcock said 382 calls, 12 arrests and 23 incidents, 9 vehicle accidents and 52 traffic stops.



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Bruce asked about the construction on Church St., Bill spoke up and said it is the Water Department and they will be doing construction in the areas of Church, Knapp and Millett Streets through the summer.

**Manager's Comment** None

**Public Comment** Jim L. asked if there were any public comments: no comments at this time.

Jim L. made the 1st motion to go into executive session.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 4-0 to enter executive session.

Amanda requested the executive session be pushed back to the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ernie made the 1st motion to come out of executive session.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE 4-0 to end executive session.

Bruce made the 1st motion to adjourn.

Jim C made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 4-0 to adjourn at 7:10

Respectfully submitted:

Doris Austin,

Town Clerk