

April 25th 2011
Public Hearing on Budget and Warrant Articles
6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Alphonso Barker, Kenneth Pelletier, James Collins, Louise Chabot, William Demaray and Kristal Flagg

Present: Bill Nichols, Jeff Bryant, Roger Ouellette, Elaine Smith, Donna Perry, James Butler, Ronald Chadwick, George Cummings, Scott Roberts, Cora Briggs and Gerry Pineau

The Budget Committee has budgeted for 4 Full time police officers eliminate 2 officers, outsourcing the police for ½ of the coverage, also keep the highway foreman, and outsource the whole highway department. This would also affect the insurance line due to outsourcing these 2 departments.

Bill mm, Jim s, no vote on Article #13 (Police Dept) for the budget committees recommendation. Selectmen recommend a yes vote. 4-1 Alphonso opposed this vote. (It will be noted on the warrant that the Budget Committee figure is \$400,000, but no on the ballot)

Bill mm, Louise s, to leave the FD Article #14 at \$91,105. Budget Committee recommends \$65,555 on the warrant. 4-1 Alphonso opposed this vote.

Bill mm, Jim s, to approve Article #18 Highway Department \$336,775. The Budget Committee outsource department keep foreman recommends \$200,000. 5-0

Bill mm, Ken s, to approve Article #20 Landfill \$151,685. The Budget Committee recommends \$131,685. 4-1 Jim opposed this vote.

Bill mm, Jim s, to approve Article #32 Insurances \$358,649. The Budget Committee recommends \$157,649 due to the outsourcing of the police and highway departments. 4-1 Alphonso opposed this vote.

Jim mm, Alphonso s, to change the Contingency Line to \$15,000. The Budget Committee recommends \$10,000. 5-0

Bill mm, Jim s, approve Article #34 Capital Improvement Purchase \$55,000. The Budget Committee would like to raise \$55,000, but for different purchases. (See Warrant in its entire attached.)

Article #39 Treasurer/Clerk position to appointed position instead of current elected position would take affect July 1 2012 if approved.

Bill mm, Jim s, to accept Article #43 to finance up to \$85,000 for the purchase of a backhoe for the highway department. 5-0

All other articles were approved as noted. (See attached warrant articles)

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

to: Ernest N. Steward, Jr., a constable of the Town of Livermore Falls, in the County of Androscoggin, in the State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Livermore Falls in the County of Androscoggin, in the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Livermore Falls Municipal Building in said Town of Livermore Falls on Tuesday, the 14th of June 2011 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose by secret ballot in accordance with Title 30, M.R.S.A. Section 2061 all necessary Town Officials including one Selectman/Assessor for a two year term; one Selectman/Assessor for a three year term.

Note: The polls will open at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and close at 8:00 o'clock in the evening.

Article 3:	Shall the Town fix dates of October 19, 2011 and March 21, 2012 when taxes shall be due and payable and shall the Town fix a rate of 7% interest to be paid on taxes unpaid after said date?
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Recommendation: That 7% per annum be charged commencing on October 20, 2011 on all ½ year payments not paid on or before October 19, 2011 and that 7% per annum be charged commencing on March 22, 2012 on all second ½ year payments not paid on or before March 21, 2012.

Article 4:	Shall the Town fix an interest rate of 5% on all taxes abated that have been paid in full, amount to be paid from the date the taxes were paid?
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Article 5:	Shall the Town charge a 7% interest rate to any sewer assessments not paid within 60 days of the quarterly billing date?
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Article 6:	Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to retain, sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and in the Town's best interest, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property?
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Article 7: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen acting in their capacity as Sewer Trustees, to on the Town's behalf, retain, sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of sewer assessments thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and in the Town's best interest, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property?

Article 8: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to accept or reject any and all gifts as they deem advisable, and to expend any monetary gifts on the designated purpose of that gift?

Article 9: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to apply for and accept State and Federal grants in the interest of improving the Town?

Article 10: Shall the Town carry the balances forward in the following accounts: Recreation, Landfill, Contingency and Street Paving?
 Note: Approximate totals are respectively: \$4,000.00, \$35,000.00, \$13,000.00 and \$13,000.

Article 11: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$70, 254.00 for Elected Officials?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$70,254

Elected Officials	FY 2010	FY 2011
Account Description	Budget	Selectboard Recommended
Treasurer	39,181	32,404
Schools/Dues	250	350
Board of Selectmen/Assessors	10,500	10,500
Assessor Agent	25,000	25,000
Computer Program Fees	2,000	2,000
	76,931	70,254

Article 12: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$161,802.00 for Administration?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$161,802

Administration	FY 2010	FY 2011
Account Description	Budget	Selectboard Recommended
Salaries	53,000	53,000
Wages	33,136	33,799
Chamber of Commerce Dues	35	35
Animal Control	10,564	10,564
Androscoggin Valley COG	3,062	3,180
Maine Municipal Association	3,575	3,629
Greater Franklin Dev. Corp.	2,000	2,000
Legal Fees	5,000	6,000

Postage	8,500	8,500
Supplies	3,750	4,500
Telephone	4,500	4,500
Audit/Town Report	6,000	7,500
Payroll Service	7,000	600
Trio	7,068	7,000
Computer Service	750	750
Lien Charges	7,500	7,500
Elections	2,000	2,000
Schools & Dues	4,000	4,500
Leasing	5,000	2,245
	169,140	161,802

Article 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$384,096.00 for the Police Department?

Budget Comm Recommend \$400,000
(Want to eliminate & outsource
Department)

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Police Department Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Expense Account	2,400	2,400
Salaries	50,778	51,794
Wages	258,187	257,817
Fuel/Maintenance	30,240	38,240
Uniforms	5,850	7,800
Equipment	3,000	0
Operating Supplies	3,360	2,350
Telephone	4,500	4,500
Radio Repair/Maintenance	3,780	3,000
Professional Fees	12,180	11,545
Schools/Dues	4,773	4,650
	379,048	384,096

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$91,105.00 for the Fire Department?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$65,555

Fire Department Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Salaries	10,000	14,400
Wages	28,000	27,000
Equipment	10,000	6,525
Communication Expense	2,500	2,102

Communication Repairs	1,600	2,640
Fuel/Diesel	5,850	5,850
Supplies	2,000	2,410
PPE	4,800	4,918
Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	8,305
Fire Prevention	2,000	2,000
Physicals & Testings	2,955	2,955
Schools/Dues	8,500	8,500
Dispatch	3,500	3,500
	87,705	91,105

Article 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$269,386.00 for Contractual?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$269,386

Contractual Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Ambulance	45,466	45,966
Street Lights	37,520	37,520
Hydrants	185,200	185,200
Town Clock (Capital Imp)	700	700
	268,886	269,386

Article 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$13,860.00 for Code Enforcement?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$13,860

Code Enforcement Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Code Enforcement Officer	8,840	13,260
Operating Supplies	550	0
Schools/Dues	500	600
	9,340	13,860

Article 17: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for a Health Officer?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$1,200

Agency Requests Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Health Officer	1,200	1,200
	1,200	1,200

Article 18: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$336,775.00 for Public Works?

Budget Comm Recommend: \$200,000
(Want to eliminate & outsource
Department.)

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Public Works Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Wages	182,475	172,475
Professional Services	12,000	12,000
Sidewalks	15,000	15,000
OSHA/Safety	4,000	4,000
Internet	600	600
Stabilization	9,000	9,000
Carbides	5,400	5,400
Street Signs	1,000	1,000
Uniforms	900	1,050
Fuel/Diesel	23,400	30,000
Small Tools	1,000	1,000
Parts	17,000	17,000
Sand/Salt	47,250	47,250
Operating Supplies	4,000	4,000
Repairs	17,000	17,000
	340,025	336,775

Article 19: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$120,000.00 for Street Paving?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$120,000

Paving Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Paving	120,000	120,000

Article 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$151,685.00 for Municipal Solid Waste?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$131,685

Municipal Solid Waste Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Wages	14,575	15,000
Highway Work	1,000	1,000
DEP License	400	400
Supplies	1,000	1,000
Repairs	2,500	2,500
Mowing	750	750
Fuel/Diesel	500	600
Universal Waste	1,310	1,310
Tipping Fee MSW	81,000	75,000

Tipping Recyclables	4,125	4,125
Wood Demolition	15,000	15,000
Hauling Costs	38,250	35,000
	160,410	151,685

Article 21: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$77,000.00 for Buildings?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$77,000

Buildings Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Wages	0	11,500
Operating	4,500	4,500
Electricity	19,000	19,000
Heating Oil	27,000	27,000
LP/Water/Gas	3,000	3,000
Repairs	10,000	12,000
Cleaning Contract	10,000	0
Snow Removal	2,000	0
	75,500	77,000

Article 22: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$60,254.00 for the Library?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$60,254

Library Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Salaries & Wages	42,260	43,604
Supplies/Books/Operations	16,240	16,650
	58,500	60,254

Article 23: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$4,900.00 for Grounds Care?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$4900

Grounds Care Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Wages	3,090	0
Cemetery/Lawn Care	1,500	2,000
Recreation Field	2,600	2,900
Operating Supplies	1,500	0
	13,600	4,900

Article 24: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$27,362.00 for Recreation?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$27,362

Recreation Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Stipend	4,000	4,000
Wages	19,000	19,380
AYS Insurance	1,554	1,554
Memorial Day	1,500	1,500
Independence Day	2,600	2,600
Spruce Mt Insurance	5,858	6,478
Supplies	1,000	1,000
Transportation	1,750	1,750
Rentals	300	300
Special Performances	800	800
Jay's Contribution	0	-12,000
	38,362	27,362

Article 25: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$6,500.00 for General Assistance?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$6,500

General Assistance Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Reimbursable G.A. Expenses	5,000	5,000
Stipend	1,500	1,500
Schools/Dues	0	0
	6,500	6500

Article 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Tri Town Ministerial Association Food Cupboard?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$1,000

Agency Requests Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Tri-Town Food Cupboard	1,000	1,000

Article 27: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Livermore Falls Downtown Betterment Group?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$1,000

Agency Requests Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
LF Betterment Group	1,000	1,000

Article 28: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Western Maine Paper and Heritage Museum?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$1,000

Agency Requests Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Paper & Heritage Museum	1,000	1,000

Article 29: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Tri-Town Fuel Fund?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$1000

Agency Requests Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Tri-Town Fuel Fund	1,000	1,000

Article 30: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$600.00 for Emergency Responders Monument?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$600

Agency Requests Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Emergency Responders Mon	0	600

Article 31: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1000.00 for Chisholm Trails?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$1,000

Agency Requests Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Chisholm Trails	1,000	1,000

Article 32: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$358,649.00 for Insurances?

Budget Comm Recommend: \$157,649
(Due to elimination of Police & Highway Departments)

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Insurances Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
FICA & Medicare	58,000	56,000
Workers Comp	25,405	26,676
Unemployment	2,360	2,478
General Liability & Bonds	51,424	53,995
Maine State Retirement	3,592	5,000
Health Insurance	196,540	208,000
Income Protection	7,500	6,500
	344,821	358,649

Article 33: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for Contingency?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$10,000

Contingency Account Description	FY 2010 Budget	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Contingency	<u>20,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

Article 34: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$55,000 for Capital Improvement Purchases?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes Budget Comm Recommend: \$55,000

Grounds Care Account Description	FY 2011 Budget Committee	FY 2011 Selectboard Recommended
Police Cruiser	15,000	30,000
Fire Dept Pickup	10,000	25,000
Landfill Roof	20,000	0
Municipal Building Repair	10,000	0
	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>

Article 35: Shall the Town transfer \$3,000.00 from Franchise fees paid to the Town by Time Warner Cable TV Company to an account for the purpose of funding the Government/Education TV Station, local Channel 7, jointly with the Town of Jay?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Article 36: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to use future Airplane Excise Tax Refunds for the benefit of the Bowman Field Flying Club for carrying out airfield improvements?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Article 37: Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit established for Livermore Falls by State law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved for Fiscal 2011 will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit?

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Article 38: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to make municipal expenditures based on the latest approved municipal budget if the proposed budget, in whole or in part, fails to pass, until a proposed municipal budget, in whole or in part, is approved?

NOTE: This will allow the Town to operate until a budget is approved.

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Article 39: Shall the Town change the Treasurer/Clerk position from an elected position to an appointed position?

(An appointed position is recommended by the State and the Auditor)

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to accept an ordinance entitled "Moosehill Pond Watershed Protection Ordinance" within the Town of Livermore Falls?

(Copies available at the Town Office and the Water District.)

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Planning Board Ordinance adopted on May 19, 1999 to consist of a 5 member board with 2 alternates, instead of the current ordinance of a 7 member board?

(This would allow a 3 member quorum instead of the 4 that is needed in the current ordinance. Copies available at the Town Office)

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw up to \$25,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Account for Municipal Building repairs?

Selectboard Recommends: Yes

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to seek financing of up to \$85,000.00 for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department?

(First payment would not be due until July 2012.)

Selectboard Recommend: Yes

Signed this 25th day of April, 2011 at Livermore Falls, Maine.

William Demaray
William Demaray, Chairperson

Kenneth Pelletier
Kenneth Pelletier

A. J. Barker
Alphonso Barker

Louise Chabot
Louise Chabot

James Collins
James Collins

Selectmen of the Town of Livermore Falls.