

December 20th 2010

Selectmen's meeting minutes

Attendance: Bill Demaray, James Collins, Alphonso Barker, Kenneth Pelletier, Louse Chabot, Kristal Flagg.

Present: Cora Briggs, Richard Korhonen, Michael Korhonen, Ron Chadwick, Jeff Bryant, Allyssia Bryant, Elaine and Kenneth Smith.

Jim mm, Louise s, accept Nov 15th minutes 5-0

Jim mm, Alphonso, accept Dec 6th minutes 5-0

Jim mm, Alphonso s, accept Chisholm Trails Resolution for Jonathan LaBonte 5-0

Shared with the board-MDOT taking of land from the library and a payment from the state of \$3,000 which will put deposited in the Library Trust account held at the Town.

Town Manager search committee will consist of the 5 member select board, all full time department heads, 2 citizens from the community, Daryl Brown and Denise Rodzen. Bill mm, Jim s, 5-0

The Police Study committee will consist of Ernie Steward, Alphonso Barker, Jim Collins, Peter Cloutier, Scott Roberts and Kristal Flagg. Alphonso and Jim will meet with Randall Greenwood the County Commissioner on December 29th at the county to discuss what the select board is looking for. The committee will meet at the town office on December 30th at 6:30pm.

Fran Szostek would like to use the Library for the Frantasia event in August. Elaine Smith brought up the fact that it gets noisy and to remind them there is no alcohol use or smoking on town property. Gerry Pineau the fire chief offered the fire station to Fran Szostek if need be.

Ron Chadwick told the board that the town clock was not working. We need to call Mr. Bryant to check on the clock for us. Ron Chadwick spoke of his bucket list. Having the highway paint the trash cans in town, fix and restore the park benches, check on the bases on the rec field, asked about the landfill's roof for the compactors. No motion was made.

The municipal building has many issues that need to be addressed. The leaky roof, sealing of the bricks, the ripped carpet in the board room, etc. Maybe for budget time get these addressed.

Alphonso spoke on the radio's/repeaters, saying the board should of put it out to bid. Gerry Pineau spoke on the facts that no one would come to Livermore Falls and even look into the problems we were having. Bill spoke that when we put things out to bid we need to be careful not to mention prices when doing so, to make for a fair bid process.

Bill mm, Jim s to sign warrant and go into executive session. 5-0

Alphonso mm, Bill s, come out of executive session and Adjourn 5-0

Dec 20th 2010 Sign-in

Cora Bugis

Richard Koshonen

Michael "

REHADWICK

Jeff Bryant

Allyssia Bryant

Elaine Smith

Kenneth Smith



Town of Livermore Falls
Budget Committee



Scott Roberts- Chairman
Mellette Pepin- Vice Chairwoman
Megan Jackman- Secretary
George Cummings

Ronnalean Sanborn
Ron Chadwick
Fran Szostek
John Ross

Date: December 21, 2010
Subject: The role of the Budget Committee
To: Livermore Falls Board of Selectmen

The Budget Committee unanimously believes that the Chair, with the tacit approval of the Board, has acted in contravention of both the letter and spirit of the 2006 Policy which brought the Budget Committee into being and which has governed its subsequent actions. His refusal to allow the interim Town Manager to assist us in our research and his insistence that the committee can only act on what the Board allows makes the Budget Committee a mere creature of the Board. The net effect of this being we are hamstrung and unable to accomplish our tasks, as they are established in the adopted Budget Committee policy. We vigorously request that this situation be rectified immediately.

We agree with the Chair when he states that our role "...is to review the...budget and advise...on ways to make it better." However, it is clear to the Budget Committee that if we cannot independently examine issues that impact costs and revenues, the only information we will have upon which to base our recommendations will be what the Board sees fit to give us. This will not lead to "better" budgets. It is worth reminding you that the Budget Committee was far more deeply involved in the move to change our solid waste system and that had it been left entirely to the BOS we might still be sending our trash to Jay. And, while the jury is still out on what will happen with policing in Livermore Falls, the Budget Committee worked very closely with the former Town Manager during the study. Lastly, if you look closely at what Mr. Chaousis was able to wring out of the budget in '09 and carry over to 2010 it paralleled very closely what the Budget Committee had recommended were areas for savings. This all should be proof positive that our role does not need to be arbitrarily changed and that our independence has been essential to our ability to have a positive impact.

To those of us on the Budget Committee, this all boils down to one simple fact. The more minds we have working on Town issues, the better. We go into the 2011 budget cycle with our Mil rate at 21 and we all expect to see continued decreases in our revenues and increases in our costs. We also all recognize that we cannot just continue to raise the tax rate (or tap the surplus) and that at some point, as a town, we have to find creative and innovative ways to provide the services that people need at costs we can all afford. It is our considered opinion that in order to properly serve the Town of Livermore Falls, both the Board and the Budget Committee need to pool our resources while at the same time exploring different avenues. In order to do this together the Budget Committee must be allowed to operate, as it has been, under the provisions of the 2006 Policy.

Respectfully submitted,

The Budget Committee

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Board of Selectman

William Demaray
Louise Chabot
Kenneth Pelletier

Alphonso Barker
James Collins

Select Board Meeting
Monday December 20th 2010
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 PM Meeting

1. Consideration of minutes from meeting November 15th, 2010 and December 6th, 2010
2. Old Business
 - A. Jonathan LaBonte-Chisholm Trails
 - B. MDOT-Road Construction-Library Opening
3. New Business
 - A. Town Manager Search-Vote on committee
 - B. County Commissioners-Police Study
 - C. Fran Szostek-Frantasia Event = would like Library for August
4. Additional Business and Other Business
 - A. Public Session
 - B. Quit Claim Deeds/Supplements/Permits/Abatements
 - C. Sign Warrants

18th / 19th / 20th
Thurs, Friday Sat
5. Executive Session pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) Personnel- Exploring Sharing a Position/Department Heads
6. Executive Session pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(E) Legal
7. Adjourn