



Town of Livermore Falls



Jim Long- Chair
Ernie Souther- Vice Chair
William Kennistan

Bruce Peary
James Cyr

Select Board Meeting
Tuesday April 18th, 2023
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:00 pm

All board members present.
Residents/public: See sign in sheet.

6:00 pm Meeting called to order by Jim L.
6:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Long said the executive session was in order.
Ernie made the 1st motion.
Will made 2nd motion.
VOTE: 5-0 in favor of going into executive session.

6:18 Ernie made the 1st motion to come out of executive session.
Bruce made the 2nd motion.
VOTE: 5-0 in favor of exiting executive session.

Approval of Minutes March 9th

Jim Long made the 1st motion to approve.
Bruce Made 2nd motion.
VOTE: 3-0 to approve (Will and Ernie absent from original meeting).
(Need to get Recorded notes from Jim L.)

Approval of Minutes March 21st.

Ernie made the 1st motion.
Jim L made 2nd motion.
VOTE: 4-0 to approve minutes as written. (Will was absent from original meeting).
(Need to get Recorded minutes from Jim L.)

Approval of Minutes April 4th.

Bruce made a motion to approve.
Jim made the 2nd motion.
VOTE: 4-0 to approve (Will was absent from meeting)
(Need to get Recorded notes from Jim L.)

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Side Agreement for mechanic position: Signed by Jim L. (Recorded by Jim L.)

Side Agreement for employee wage increase: Deferred until union rep brings a detailed agreement.

Commercial disposal Licensing & transfer:

Ernie made the 1st motion recommending eliminating contract haulers.

Darcy spoke up and said she had gone to see about purchasing new trailer that dumps which will be quicker and she would not need any help unloading, although she says that she has never asked for help. If they replace the fence, it eliminates any contractors from dumping.

Darcy said maybe the town could increase the yearly licensing fees for commercial haulers so there is no added expense to the town for tipping fees. Jim Long asked Bill if he had anything on this. Bill said "I've got nothing, I was told I was the anti-christ"

Jim L. asked Bill about the replacement of the gate. Bill said if the fence is replaced as he asked because of safety issues there would be no way that any commercial haulers could dump.

Amanda wanted it on record that a Selectboard member referred to an employee as the "Anti-Christ." This is completely uncalled for and unnecessary and is not how a board member should be acting. This was done in a public place in a public setting. Jim C asked which board member and Bruce raised his hand. Bill said "I will be dealing with this and it will not be good, The shady s**t you guys been pulling is coming to an end!".

Darcy stated that she hadn't heard of these complaints before and asked if she was at the meetings.

Amanda, back to business, referred to Dec 1st, 2020, minutes referring to Darcy's Disposal as the same issues back then, and Darcy had the same responses that she was getting a new trailer that would dump easier and would be quicker. So we are right back to where we were 2 years ago.

Will made 1st motion to continue with commercial haulers.

Jim C. made 2nd motion.

VOTE: 3 in favor, 1 opposed and Ernie abstained.

Joseph Knapp Foundation Update: Revised petition that needs signage by chairperson because the trust has dissolved and is now under a different name, which is just basically saying that we are still getting the same monies just from a different payor. This agreement was signed by Jim Long, adding that the board would like to see more consideration of activities at the gazebo.

Mend appeal Update: Amanda has reported that Mend has filed an appeal. The appeals board chair has been notified and is on vacation at this time and they have 30 days to respond, and we have enough members on the committee to have a quorum.

Jim L said it was a tie of 2-2 and will not go back to the Board but will have to go to court.

Brandon asked when the vote was and when did they file the appeal.



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Amanda said, Mend has filed an appeal and was filed within the allowed 30 days.

New Business:

Opening of the bids for Groundskeeping, 3 years

Name	2023	2024	2025
Ross Lafreniere	\$6750.00	\$6750.00	\$7000.00
J & C (per month)	\$3950.00	\$3950.00	\$3950.00
Michaels	\$4800.00	\$4800.00	\$4800.00
Minute man	\$5800.00	\$5800.00	\$5800.00
S&R Lawncare	\$4500.00	\$4500.00	\$4500.00

Ernie made 1st motion to accept the bid of Seth Langlin (S&R Lawncare)

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of accepting the bid from S&R Lawncare for \$4500.00

Opening of the bids for 2005 GMC Sierra

Peter Robinson	\$1200.00
David Harvey	\$500.00
Gerald Whitney	\$1008.52
Barry	\$1632.12
Michael Haines	\$1300.00
Keith McDaniel	\$1851.00
Rich Cushing	\$676.00

Ernie made 1st motion to accept the bid from Barry

Rescinded motion when realized this bid was not the highest bid.

Ernie made 1st motion to accept the bid from Keith McDaniel

Jim Cyr made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to accept the bid from Keith McDaniel for \$1851.00

Discussion of Road paving:

Bill reported that surface paving will be done on Cargill, Searles and Vine streets. Knapp and Millett are on track to be paved. Bill has stated that there have been many complaints for Upper Depot St. so would like to do about 1850 feet up to about Jones Rd. which is off Upper Depot St. as well as about 475 feet on Pine Ave as it looks like a minefield, and this would be done at a cost of \$70,000.00. Bill believes this would be a good investment because Water and Sewer will not be doing any work there for 7 to 10 years. Jim Long asked if we have the money to do the work and Bill said yes, we didn't do Knapp St. last year and had money in carryover so doing this job would not be a problem. Amanda confirmed carryover amount of \$225,294.30.

Ernie made 1st motion to spend up to \$82,000 for paving.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.



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VOTE: 5-0 in favor of doing this project

Accept F-600 competitive Quote:

The quote from Bailey was \$69,365.00 with no delivery time.

The quote from Farmington Ford was \$66,444.00 with an 8–12-week delivery time.

This is for the cab and chassis.

Bruce made 1st motion to go with the bid from Farmington Ford

Jim L. made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to accept the bid from Farmington Ford for \$66,444.00

Jim did ask if we are still on budget for the \$110,000.00 originally set aside for the truck and Bill said it may be a little higher as the price of the truck has gone up \$3000.00 already but we have some set aside in contingency, so we are good.

Proclamation Municipal Clerks Week:

Jim L. read the Proclamation for the 54th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week which is the week of April 30th to May 6th, 2023. Copy included in Minutes.

Jim thanked Doris Austin for the work she does.

Jim L. made the 1st motion to accept week of April 30th- May 6th Professional Clerk Week.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of Proclaiming Clerks week April 30th- May 6th, 2023.

Jim L. asked for follow up on Revenue Expense report:

Amanda responded she has been working on this and will have better answers at the next board meeting.

Bruce asked if the parenthesis equals negative.

Jim C asked if the line items are the operating expenses.

Amanda told the board that 90% of Admin is gone with 11 weeks still to go, so we will be over in Admin. Amanda also reported that page 4, which is contingency for unplanned and unbudgeted expenses and not for unauthorized expenses which need to go to special town meeting.

Jim L. made 1st motion to have a have the next board meeting set up as a special meeting.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of special meeting to cover the overage in CEO budget.

February 8th town referendum that was signed had 4 crucial errors; they are:

1. The greeting in the town report states that voting will be at the town office but in fact the voting will take place at the fire station, we need papers signed and posted tonight. All 5 copies signed by all selectboard.
2. Article 11 carryover for summer rec can not have a negative number.
3. Article 25 which refers to the carryover in article 11.
4. Article 40 "increase town levy limit" says 2022, should say year 2023.

These items will not be counted on this vote. They will however be counted in June along with the ordinances hopefully if all goes well June 20th, worse case scenario it will be June 27th.



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Board Discussion

None

Managers Discussion

Amanda thanked the office staff and another employee for doing what they could while she was out on leave, however there were things missed and if article 40 does not pass then the town will have to shut down on July 1st. This will be a referendum and will be a secret ballot.

Jim L made the 1st motion to have a referendum with a date to be determined.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to approve the referendum with a date to be determined.

Department Heads

Nate Guptill said there was a problem with the overhead door at the fire station. He stated he had spoken with D&N Door company out of Turner and they said it should be replaced at and gave a quote of \$12,328.66 and that is because the door is so big. Jim asked Nate to put this on the agenda next time.

Brandon said he has been busy with the Amish as they are putting up 4 new houses and 4 barns and ice houses.

Amanda reported that in March there were 3 calls for the fire department and Livermore Falls did respond. We have paid out \$7202.00 to Jay for their services from October to today and Livermore's bill so far has been \$2113.00 with one bill still coming to Livermore Falls.

Public Comment

Roger Moulton has stated that he would like to see the ordinance change for marijuana and he hopes that the town doesn't allow anymore medical marijuana storefronts to come into town.

Will made 1st motion to adjourn.

Jim L. made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Austin,
Town Clerk