

Town of Livermore Falls

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James Long- Chair
Ernie Souther- Vice
William Kenniston

Bruce Peary
James Cyr

Select Board Meeting
Tuesday May 2, 2023
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:00pm

Board: All present
Department Heads: Bill Nichols,
Residents/Public: See sign in Sheet

6:00 pm Jim L opened meeting.

6:01 Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim called EXECUTIVE SESSION, MRS TITLE 1, Chap 13 405 (6) (D) Discussion of labor contracts and proposals and meetings between public agency and its negotiators

Will made 1st motion to go into executive session.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to enter executive session

6:16 Will made 1st motion to come of executive session.

Jim made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to come out of executive session.

10-minute recess for camera setup

6:29 Special Town Meeting, CEO Funding

Amanda told the board there were not enough signatures to post properly.

Jim made 1st motion to table

Will made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to table

6:32 Public Hearing for Livermore Falls History Night:

Jim Long invited Christine Fournier from The Area Chamber to speak.

Christine said that they will be having the event on May 19th from 5-8 pm at the Gazebo and moving forward they will have History night the Friday before Memorial Day weekend each year with the Boards blessing. By bringing the events to the Gazebo from the Medical Arts Building the parking and flow of traffic should be better. The band will be playing in the Gazebo

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and several area businesses will be staying open including Foss Jewelry Store, Pearls in the Pines and Stevie Jay's to name a few.

Jim L. made the 1st motion to approve application and waive fee.

Ernie made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to accept application for History Night and to waive the fee.

Approval of Minutes from April 18th.

Jim C. would like the full quote from Bill Nichols and just a small piece of what was said.

Will made 1st motion to accept the minutes from April 18th with the amendment of the full quote from Bill Nichols.

Ernie made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 4-0 to accept the minutes of April 18th with the amendment of adding the full quote from Bill Nichols instead of a small piece of what was said.

Bruce opposed.

Old Business:

6:37 Sign side agreement for employee wage increase:

Side agreement signed by all members of the board.

New Business:

Assessor discussion (Certified Ratio)

Paul says the system should be updated, our assessments are 24 years old, and the town should really be doing a full reevaluation to get caught up with the real estate market.

The ratio this year will be 76%, with that being said that means that we are going to have to adjust all the personal property, for example if the CMP's powerlines were worth 10 million dollars, they are now worth 7.6 million. For those folks with a homestead exemption, it will be \$19,000.00 instead of the full \$25,000.00, this reevaluation really needs to be done.

This is an informational meeting only.

Jim L. asked what the lead time is on getting a reval done and Paul said Farmington put out a bid and theirs will be done in 2025 at a cost of about \$295,000.00

Town Motto: The residents had a second chance to vote on the mottos that were suggested and The Town that moved a Mountain was picked, so the residents have spoken and going forward this will be the town motto.

Bruce made 1st motion to accept The Town that moved a mountain as the town motto.

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Will made 2nd motion

VOTE: 4-0 in favor

Ernie abstained.

Financial Report:

Amanda reported that there were a few errors that need to be fixed or changed.

Paving carry forward amount is \$225,294.30

Solid Waste carry forward amount is \$78,252.11

Rec there was actually no carry forward, in fact we were in the negative and then received the check from Jay which put us at that point with a carry forward of \$6,593.18.

Amanda suggested that the Selectboard and the Budget committee meet to discuss further information and appropriate \$43,185.00.

Amanda and Becca will be working on the budget as well as entering the ARPA funds and will have more information for the board at the next meeting,

Gazebo Status: E-mail has been sent and just awaiting a response, it was voted to donate up to \$350.00

The snowmobile loan of \$9,000.00 still requires more research. Jim L explained that the town loaned the money to the snowmobile club 4-5 years ago and they pay it back with the excise tax that is paid on the snowmobiles, Jim also stated that this is common practice with municipalities.

Jim L. would just like to have more information on what the town has in its accounts, looking for more information which Amanda will give him at the next meeting.

Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim: Nothing to sign

Board Discussion:

Bruce congratulated Jim L. and Ernie on being reelected to the board.

Department Heads Discussion: No departments available

Managers Discussion: Amanda received the quote for the overhead door at the Fire Station And will send an email with the information to the selectmen.

Reminder for admin days May 10th and 11th so the office will be closed.

History Night May 19th 5-8pm

Fire Department hosting a blood drive June 3rd at the fire station

Fire Department having a car wash on June 10th

Comic book day is on May 6th at the Library.

No Public comments:

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Jim L. would entertain a motion to adjourn

Will made 1st motion to adjourn 6:56pm.

Ernie made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by

Doris Austin, Town Clerk

