Town of Livermore Falls

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James Long- Chair Ernie Souther- Vice William Kenniston Bruce Peary James Cyr

Select Board Meeting Friday June 9th, 2023 Livermore Falls Town Office 3:00pm

Board: All members present Residents/Public see sign in sheet

3:04 Meeting called to order3:05 Pledge of Allegiance

New Business:

Town Manager Recruitment and Replacement:

Jim Long has been acting as town manager as needed, signed documents that needed to be taken care of, just wanted all to be aware.

The first item is to find an Interim Town Manager, would like someone to work 2-3 days per week, possibly until September. Jim Long suggested that he and Jim Cyr work together on this to find a suitable fit for the office.

Secondly Jim has suggested that maybe the town should look at going with a consulting firm, possibly Eaton Peabody. This firm has many connections and Jim L. feels that we would be able to get the best possible candidate.

Ernie suggested that the Board at least try to find a candidate before outsourcing, Ernie says job of the Board is to oversee the budget and the town and feels if a committee is formed and advertising the position that we have a good chance of finding a new Town Manager, if it doesn't work then we are not out anything and then if we have to outsource we can.

Jim Long says the attorneys think it would be a good idea to outsource.

Will likes the idea of outsourcing to consulting firms.

Jim L made the 1st motion to go with Eaton Peabody for Town Manager position. No second motion.

Ernie suggests making a committee, advertising, and interviewing and then having the select board do a second interview and if it doesn't work make the consulting firm a second option. The agreement of the Board for the Town Manager hiring committee will be made up of 2 Selectboard members, 2-3 residents and 1 department head, will post the position for 10 days and will return with the results on June 27th for further interviews.

The board agrees and Ernie will be the Chair of the Board and Bruce will assist.

Recruitment for the committee, advertising will begin, and the deadline is set for June 29th for applicants.

Jim L. asked if any applications at this time, Doris responded with 1 at this time.

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Update on Audit:

Jim L. said that he was updated on Wednesday 06-07-2023 by Ron Smith from RHR about the audits and that they expect to be done within 2 weeks. He and Sharon Bailey have been working together with Ron because she is Chair of the Budget Committee and feels that this can only help with future budgets. Special single audits are being completed for grants that have taken up time and have added to the costs.

Jim L said he has been meeting with the auditor once or twice a week for the past year just to get the town up to date.

