

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Monday August 18, 2008 Town Office

Attendance: Miriam Buchanan, Richard Korhonen, Bill Nichols, Carroll Bowie, John Ross, Fred Nadeau, Geneva Hodgkins, Cora Briggs, Missi Labbe, Bill Van Tuinen, Martin Puckett

Board Members present: Louise Chabot, Ernest Souther III, David Lemire and William Demaray. Absent: Jackie Knight.

1. Meeting called to order by Chabot at 6:30pm. .
2. Consideration of minutes from August 4, 2008: Demaray made a motion to approve the minutes with the proposed corrections of the addition to 3A Union street to included the topic will be brought in front of the town at the next town meeting for a vote, second by Souther, approved 3-0 with Lemire abstaining.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Apple Pumpkin Festival: Ross discussed a one day traffic plan to accommodate people visiting the festival. The plan included handicap parking, one way traffic from the foundry road to Shuy Corner, and parking on the right hand side. The police, fire department, and volunteers will help with the traffic and parking. The event is from 10 to 3 on September 27. Demaray made a motion to accept Ross' recommendations, Souther second, approved 4-0.
 - B. EcoMaine: Missi Labbe presented information about how single stream recycling works, how revenues are determined, and a cost benefit analysis if the town of Livermore Falls switched to single stream. All paper, paperboard, cardboard, class, cans, aluminum and #1 thru #7 plastic containers go into one container. EcoMaine is a municipally owned non-profit company that also has a full time recycling coordinator to help with promotions and education outreach. EcoMaine does Labbe offered tours of the facility and urged the town to take a tour of other single stream communities. Puckett will pass the information onto the budget committee for further review and contact other single stream communities.
 - C. Bill Van Tuinen- State Valuation: Tuinen discussed the state sales ratio and recommended a 9% increase to be in compliance and retain the full value of homestead, veterans, and tree growth exemptions. Tuinen recommended a mill rate of 18.8. Demaray made a motion to accept Tuinen's recommendation, Souther Second, approved 4-0.
4. New Business:
 - (a) Visioning Session: Craig Freshley has offered some tentative dates for a session, will wait until full board is present.
 - (b) Bike Path: The C&R material does not contain asbestos shingles. We are determining costs of trucking the material in lieu of costly paving.
 - (c) Grant Administration: Denis Lachman and the CDBG Committee are both interested in having AVCOG administer the grant to ensure it is completely on time and smoothly. Puckett is meeting with CDBG later in the week to discuss it.
 - (d) Tree Removal: Bids will have to be readvertised to meet the qualifications of the bid spec. Puckett will rewrite the bid.
 - (e) Planning Board resignation: Kathleen Szostek resigned effective August 15. Lemire moved to accept the resignation, Souther second, approved 4-0.

(f) Town Manager Resignation: Puckett submitted a letter of resignation with a last day of September 26. Souther made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets, Louise second, approved 4-0.

5. Additional Business:

- A. Public Session: Demaray made a motion to have MMA assist in the hiring process of a town manager, Souther second approved 4-0.
- B. Review Correspondence: Reviewed, no action needed.
- C. Quit Claim Deed/Abatements/Supplements/Permits: Demaray made a motion to approve an abatement to Tomra Maine (account 210) for \$65.70 because the equipment was removed prior to April 1st, Chabot second, approved 4-0. Demaray made a motion to approve a beano license and game of chance from September to November, Souther second, approved 4-0.
- D. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (F) Poverty Abatement Case 08.02: Chabot made a motion to enter into executive session, Demaray second, approved 4-0. Demaray made a motion to exit the executive sessions and approve a tax abatement for account 755 for \$326.58 in taxes, half of the total property taxes, and will review other future abatements as needed annually and have Puckett assist in other tax help, Chabot second approved 4-0.
- E. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (F) Poverty Abatement Case 08.03: Chabot made a motion to enter into executive session, Demaray second, approved 4-0. Demaray made a motion to exit the executive sessions and approved a tax abatement for account 202 for \$343.62 in taxes, Chabot second approved 4-0.
- F. Sign Warrants: Demaray made a motion to approve warrants and adjourn, Souther second, approved 4-0.