



## Town Of Livermore Falls

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Office Of  
Selectmen   
Assessors   
Town Manager   
Tax Collector   
Treasurer   
Town Clerk

### Agenda Select Board Meeting Monday, October 6, 2008 Municipal Building 6:30 PM Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Consideration of minutes from September 2 & 15, 2008
3. Old Business
  - A. Apple Pumpkin Festival Review
  - B. Committee Interest- Solid Waste, Traffic and Parking & vacancies
  - C. FEMA Application Update
  - D. CDBG Grant Administration Contract
4. New Business
  - A. MMA Convention
  - B. Town Manager Report
  - C. November Meeting Schedule
  - D. Sewer Rate Discussion/Change in Sewer Owner Responsibility
  - E. Special Town Meeting Items- FEMA, Elected vs. Appointed
  - F. Snow Trail Grant
  - G. G.A. Ordinance Approval
  - H. Fire Dept. Phone Card
  - I. Budget committee-Nick Rehagen
5. Additional Business
  - A. Public Session
  - B. Review Correspondence
  - C. Quit Claim Deeds/Supplements/Permits/Abatements
  - D. Sign Warrants / Adjourn

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 Town Office

Attendance: Bernal Lake, Carroll Bowie, Cora Briggs, Fred Nadeau, Mel Slade, Gail Slade, Judy Escalonaqusto, Phil Poirier, Bill Nichols, Nick Rehagen, Marvin Parker, Ron Chadwick, Richard Korhonen, Kristal A. Flagg

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

1. Called to order by Chabot at 6:30 pm
2. Apple Pumpkin Festival will be held October 18<sup>th</sup>. Phil said John Ross will be changing the signs to update everyone on the new date. Louise is requesting we still do one way traffic to the rec. field while the festival is in operation.
3. We have only one Individual signed up for the Traffic and Parking committee. Bill Demaray is also on this committee. Ernie Souther is going to be on the Solid Waste committee. We need to put an ad in the paper again to get the public more involved in these committees. We also need to note we have 2 vacancies on the Planning Board and 4 vacancies on the Budget committee. We will have Phil Poirier put this information on the town's web site. Nick Rehagen would like to reduce the number of members on the Budget committee. Ernie made motion to reduce the Budget committee members from 9 to 7. Jackie second, approved 4-0 Also the board will address reducing the Planning Board member amounts for the up coming town warrant.
4. FEMA: Bill Nichols talked on maybe receiving monies from FEMA in 2-3 weeks or so to cover the Haines corner project. The exact amount is not known yet. The total cost on the project was \$70,195.75.
5. CDBG: The Administrators fee will be taken out of the grant funds. This will go back out to bid. Louise mm, Jackie s, approved 4-0
6. Budge Committee: Nick Rehagen spoke on dispatch and would like to talk to Jay to see the impact of having no dispatch in the town of Jay. He is looking for a diverse group those who are for and not for dispatch. He would like to see the real ramifications of doing regional dispatch and get the information and data on whether this a beneficial move to close dispatch or keep dispatch. Jackie spoke for dispatch and that she and Ernest Steward have been attending the meetings in Auburn. Bernal Lake spoke on behalf of the Budget committee that the Solid Waste committee should work along side the Budget committee. Bill Nichols will be on the Solid Waste committee.
7. MMA: Bill, Louise and Jackie will be attending the MMA Convention for the round table discussions, tax liens. Financing, etc. Wed and Thurs. of this week.
8. CDARS: Kristal spoke on the towns financing through Androscoggin Bank with their program call CDARS. It's a way of keeping the town funds insured by FDIC. The process of tearing the funds so that twice a month the town will have a CD maturing to pay the towns bills and payroll.
9. Election: Nov 3rds selectmen's meeting will still be held here at the town at 6:30pm Kristal will be present.

10. Sewer/Rates: Kent spoke on the Franklin Street Rail Road issue with the sewer malfunction. Ted Berry Co. estimated around \$40,000 in July 2008 to repair this problem. Kevin Kennedy from Rail Works estimated under around \$6,000. We are waiting for the approval of the Rail Road. Kent has been in touch with Beth at DEP and would like this done before it gets too cold. Louise advised Kent to keep in touch with Beth at DEP and Jackie mentioned maybe calling Gary Knight our State Rep. if nothing gets accomplished.
11. Sewer Rates: Sue Sapiel spoke on the increase of the sewers expenses over the last few years. The rates have not been raised in 10 years. Audit report for the last 10 years shows big loss in the last 5 years. This past year the show's a \$203,000 loss with out depreciation the sewer loss is \$67,000 in 2008. The sewer is spending more and more on the infrastructure because of the age of the sewer pipes. We are spending more than we are receiving in income. Kent spoke on the service line the town is now responsible for. We used to make the homeowner responsible for the repair. This has been a huge cost to the town of around \$20,000 per year. The town of Wilton and Augusta have this policy in place. The sewer will only maintain our sewer main only. The homeowner will be responsible for their sewer line from their house to the main at the street. Bill mm, Jackie second. Approved 4-0. Bill mm to raise sewer rates from \$45.00 a quarter to \$50.00. And to raise consumption rate to .0300 instead of .0275. This is a 10% raise. Jackie second. Approved 4-0. The rate increase will take effect on the April 2009 readings.
12. Elected vs. Appointed: This will be put on the next town warrant for the public to vote on. Louise spoke on the necessary reasoning behind this change. This would be more beneficial for the town as a whole. The auditor would like to also see this change to keep the towns finances safe. The Treasurer/Clerks position needs to be kept filled by a qualified individual.
13. Safety Audit: Louise would like to use the reimbursement monies from the MMA workers compensation fund to purchase the appropriate safety equipment that the towns departments are in need of.
14. Snowmobile Grant: The selectmen approved to sign the documents Brad Barker needs when we receive them from him. Bill mm, Jackie second approved 4-0. This is an on going grant threw the Town of Leeds for the neighboring towns snowmobile trail system.
15. GA Warrant: The selectmen signed the new General Assistance Ordinance for October 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 thru October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Bill mm, Jackie second, approved 4-0
16. Phone Card FD: Marvin spoke on needing the phone card through Verizon Wireless. \$42.99 per month so he can have access to emails and trainings on and off the job. It's around \$540.00 per year. Will take out of Administration telephone. Jackie mm, Ernie second. Approved 4-0.
17. Public Session: Louise mm purchase Handicap bell for outside the main entrance to become ADA compliance with our main lobby doors. Jackie second, approved 4-0. Billy addressed the board on the loss of the 550's high gear. The need to replace or rebuild the transmission is necessary. Billy received 4 quotes, Bailey Brothers \$3525.93 for a heavy duty transmission, 3yr-100,000 warranty, new cooler, nuts and gasket, with the highway doing the labor. Absolute \$2800 1yr-

12,000 mile warranty. Whitehead Ford \$2300 1 yr warranty not heavy duty. Quirk Ford \$3099.77 same as Bailey Brothers, same specks. Heavy duty, the highway does the installing and labor. Bill Demaray removed himself from the board by leaving the table and sitting in the audience. Then a vote was taken. Ernie mm to go with Bailey Brothers. Jackie second, approved 3-1 with Bill abstaining.

18. Abatements: Bill mm Louise second. Approved 4-0 in the abatement of Inergy Propane for \$28.20 and to delete the account for the business is not in town anymore.

19. Sign Warrants: Ernie mm, Jackie second, approved to sign warrants and adjourn.

# Sign-in

Richard Korhonen

Ron EHDWICK

Marvin Tucker

Nick Rehner

Bill Thomas

Cathy Burt

Corey Buggis

Paul Zhe

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Judy Galmaristo "

Paul Hade "

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**Haines Corner Wash Out  
FEMA**

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| <b>Ted Berry Co.</b>          | <b>\$29,750.00</b> |
| <b>Don Mercier</b>            | <b>\$11,690.00</b> |
| <b>Double T Fence</b>         | <b>\$10,900.00</b> |
| <b>Castonguay Gravel</b>      | <b>\$1,080.00</b>  |
| <b>Public Works Labor</b>     | <b>\$6,825.25</b>  |
| <b>Public Works Equipment</b> | <b>\$9,950.50</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$70,195.75</b> |