

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Board of Selectman

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Jackie Knight
James Collins

James Chaousis II, Town Manager

Agenda
Select Board Meeting
Monday July 20th, 2009
Municipal Building
6:30 PM Meeting

1. Public Hearing Parking
2. Public Hearing Liquor license
3. Call to order after Public Hearing
4. Consideration of minutes from meeting July 6th, 2009.
5. Consideration of minutes from meeting July 7th, 2009.
6. Old Business
 - A. School consolidation team
7. New Business
 - A. MMA annual election vote
8. Additional Business and Other Business
 - A. Manager's Comments
 - B. Public Session
 - C. Quit Claim Deeds/Supplements/Permits/Abatements
 - D. Sign Warrants
9. Executive Session-1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) Labor Negotiations and Executive Session-1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters
10. Adjourn

July 20th, 2009

Attendance: Cora Briggs, Ron Chadwick, Richard Korhonen, Norm Paradis, Mellette Pepin, Becky Rider, Fran Szostek, Kathleen Szostek and Jim Chaousis

Select board Present- Jackie Knight, William Demaray, Alphonso Barker, James Collins, and Louise Chabot

Bill mm to accept liquor license for Village Pizza and Subs as stated in their application, Jim s. 5-0

Bill mm to set temporary parking order as submitted by town manager without a stipulation for time exemption on Fridays, Jim s. 5-0

Consideration of minutes from July 6th, 2009, Jim mm to accept, Jackie s. 5-0

Old Business

School Consolidation: The town manager explained the direction of the school consolidation effort and the team recruited to explore future options. The discussion will be on 7/29/09 and will be a public meeting although public input will not be requested. The manager explained what obstacles are incurred through having this meeting public. The board explained the necessity of remaining a public process and the desire of having this process as public as possible in the future. The board also discussed the need for an agenda and ground rules for meeting.

New Business

MMA annual election vote: The town manager presented information on the MMA annual election. Bill mm to vote for Mark Green as MMA vice president, Jim s. 5-0 Bill mm to vote in favor of the three positions running unopposed, Jim s. 5-0

Manager's Comments: The town manager thanked the business owners and people that helped in addressing the parking concerns that led to the temporary parking order. The town manager requested that people with Adopt-A-Spot information contact him. He reminded people of the public hearing on 8/3/09. The town manager informed everyone that the town line signs that were in poor conditions are being repaired. He informed people that the transfer station rules according to the solid waste ordinance would

be enforced, to include clear bags. The board instructed the manager to make sure clear bags are readily available in town.

Public Session:

Ron Chadwick is concerned if ordinances are to be addressed than the trash ordinance should be amended, to make clear what type of bags the transfer station can accept.

Ron Chadwick also expressed concern that some of the town owned cemeteries are not being maintained in a manner that is fitting. He outlined the town owned cemeteries which include Richardson, Union Park, Shuy Yard, Haynes Corner, and Grey cemeteries. The board also pointed out that a piece of land across from Cedar St is not maintained well.

Richard Korhonen expressed concern that there are a lot of rocks kicked up on the road at the end of Diamond Rd. The manager was directed to clean them up.

Bill mm to sign the quit claim deed, Jim s. 5-0

Bill mm to sign warrants and enter into executive session for poverty abatements, Jim s. 5-0

Bill mm to exit executive session, Jim s. 5-0

Bill mm to accept poverty abatement 10-01, Jackie s. 5-0

Bill mm to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) Labor Negotiations, Jim s. 5-0

Louise mm to exit executive session, Jackie s. 5-0

Louise mm to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters, Jim s. 5-0

Bill mm to exit executive session, Jackie s. 5-0

Jim mm to adjourn, Alphonso s. 5-0

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Consideration of minutes from July 20th, 2009, Jackie mm to accept, Jackie s. 5-0

Old Business

School Consolidation: The town manager and Jim Collins gave updates from the school consolidation meeting. Surveys, ideas, and direction from the public are welcome. There may be subsequent meetings that the town would be interested in participating in.

New Business

Bill Van Tuinen: Bill Van Tuinen, town's assessing agent, informed the board of assessments to include the Wausau mill and the Doctor's office on Union St. He offered recommendations to the board for reduced rates for both. There was discussion over the appeal process and the ability of the valuation to be challenged if applied without a reduction. The major reasons that the tax rate increased were because of the loss of other revenues and raises in town and school budgets. There was a lot of discussion from the citizens on the need to keep the tax rate within reason. The board has directed the town manager to make sure that the accuracy of the other revenue figures are within reason. The town manager was also directed to find options for the selectman/assessors for reducing the tax rate.

Liquor license: Jackie mm to accept liquor license application from the VFW for wedding reception at Murray Hall, Jim s. 5-0

Firing Range: The board was presented a proposal from Lt Gould of LFPD. He proposes to use town property to use as a firing range near the transfer station. His proposal was very thorough and was recognized by the board. The board recommends keeping a log of usage. Jim mm to accept the proposal as written with the recommendations, Jackie s. 5-0

Apple Pumpkin Festival: The town manager, with the Chamber of Commerce, proposed some conditions to the Rec field and foundry road that would make the Apple Pumpkin Festival more safe and accessible. Jackie mm to accept the proposal, Alphonso s. 5-0

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Wireless Broadband: The town manager would like to explore an opportunity to receive federal stimulus funding for wireless broadband infrastructure building, and is requesting that the board allow the town manager to apply for this grant. John Ross, Chamber of Commerce, was available to answer questions for the board. Jim mm to allow the town manager to apply for federal stimulus grant funding for broadband internet infrastructure, Bill s. 5-0

Manager's Comments: The town manager wanted to let the public know that the cemeteries that weren't being maintained to proper levels have been addressed. The land across from Cedar St on Park St has been bush hogged and there is an interested party in adopting the site. The manager has a letter explaining where clear trash bags can be bought near town. The list will be included in transfer station information in the future. Rocks at the end of Diamond Rd have been cleaned up. Finally, if there is a request to speak during the meeting, being added to the agenda can be done by contacting the town manager. Allowing the manager to prepare and prepare the board for your topic will allow us to operate more efficiently.

Public Session:

Ken Jacques was concerned that there is a nonconforming lot issued a building permit on Union St. The town manager informed the public that the building permit had been recinded earlier that day. The town recognized the error due to public input.

Bill mm to sign warrants, Jackie s. 5-0

Louise mm to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters, Alphonso s. 5-0

Louise mm to exit executive session, Jackie s. 5-0

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