

June 1st, 2009

Attendance: see attached

Select board Present- Jackie Knight, William Demaray, David Lemire, and Louise Chabot

Consideration of minutes from May 4th, 2009, accepted Bill mm, Jackie s. 3-0
Consideration of minutes from May 18th, 2009, accepted Jackie mm, Bill s. 3-0
Consideration of minutes from May 21st, 2009, accepted Bill mm, David s. 3-0

Old Business

LD 285: Town manager revisited this business with more information for the board. There was further explanation of the structure of this legislation that delays the school consolidation penalty. The board recognized that this is just a delay of the start date of the penalty and that there was no interest or accrual of penalties. Jackie mm to accept and sign the resolution of support for LD 285, Bill s. 4-0

Bonding Policy: The town manager explained further the information the board requested. This was in regards to the original wording, of the bonding policy. The past town manager, Martin Puckett, was consulted. The wording of the policy is based on the boards request at the time. Some mathematical assumption need to be applied to come up with the amount of money each employee is bonded for. The town manager explained that he believes that if assumptions need to be made to enforce the policy, then the policy is weak. The board was presented examples of alternative amendments to the policy. The board would like to apply both alternatives into one amendment. The town manager will make those changes to the policy for the next meeting.

Boston Post Cane: Lois Moulton has been found to be the oldest citizen of Livermore Falls. The town manager has arranged the presentation of the cane, flowers, and a letter. Bill mm to sign letter and present the cane to Lois Moulton, David s. 4-0

New Business

Fire Chief Appointment: The town manager has written letters of recommendations for Mark Chretien as Livermore Falls Fire Chief and Ron LeClerc as Livermore Falls Assistant Fire Chief. The town manager

recommends that the Fire Chief be appointed by the board, as that is the wording of the Fire Department's bylaws. Bill mm to appoint Mark Chretien Livermore Falls Fire Chief and endorse Ron LeClerc as Livermore Falls Assistant Fire Chief, Jackie s. 4-0

Knowlton: The town has received correspondence from Pierce-Atwood representing Wayne and Pat Knowlton. The correspondence explains that the position of the Knowlton's is that the sewer ordinance amendment, made in October 2008, is not legal. They are willing to take legal action to challenge this unless restitution is made in regards to their sewer repair made at 52 Depot St in May. The town manager recommends that we offer to pay half of the amount of the bills that the Knowlton's incurred through their sewer repair. The amount specified in the letter from Pierce-Atwood and the bills submitted by Wayne Knowlton to the manager match and reflect \$2,757.95. Half of that amount would be \$1,378.98. Bill mm to offer the Knowlton's half of their incurred bills (\$1,378.98) and all further action on this issue would be handled on a case by case basis, the money will come from the sewer account, Jackie s. 4-0

The board reiterated that the ordinance must be fair to all citizens, and that the ordinance amendment will appear in a referendum question in the future to solidify the ordinance.

Public Session:

Melanie Rounds was concerned over the status of the trash committee. She has observed some occurrences on Campground Rd. Also she had some questions about animal ordinances. The board explained that there are no animal ordinances other than the dog ordinance and the town manager explained that there is work being done on the trash committee.

Ron Chadwick wanted to know the status of the CDBG grant as there are businesses that may not be involved. The board explained that the CDBG grant is in the architectural stage.

Ron Chadwick wanted to know why we elect a moderator at the referendum style vote when it isn't needed. The board explained that it is still legally necessary.

Ron Chadwick wanted further explanation of article 23, the Capital Improvement plan, and article 35 the debt service. He doesn't believe that there is enough information provided to make a logical vote on this subject. The board explained that there is the intention of buying two plow trucks with the appropriations provided in the warrant from CIP and debt service, as well as, the highway department surplus.

Ron Chadwick is concerned that there is a lot of revenue shortfall items coming up in the future and that there should be better fiscal responsibility right now. The board explained the reasoning that there are much more revenue questions in the future, and that the budget is pretty flat without the plow truck purchases. There needs to be a time to shore up the highway department.

Ron Chadwick asked if there was anymore progress with a portable office for the transfer station. The board answered that there have been discussions on this subject.

Melanie Rounds was concerned for the status of the bike path. The manager answered by explaining that the process is still forward moving and that there is work being done on it right now.

Ron Chadwick was concerned on the status of the roof inspection. The manager explained that it was being scheduled and that further updates would be made.

Bill mm, Jackie s, adjourn

Richard Korhonen

Ron CHADWICK

Cora Breggs

Bernal Lake

Pat Knowlton

Wayne Knowlton