

*Town of Livermore Falls*  
*Office of the Board of Selectman*

*Louise Chabot*  
*William Demaray*  
*Alphonso Barker*

*Jackie Knight*  
*James Collins*

*James Chaousis II, Town Manager*

Agenda  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Municipal Building  
6:30 PM Meeting

1. Call to order after Public Hearing
2. Consideration of minutes from meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
3. Old Business
  - A. Plow Truck Equipment Bids
  - B. Parking Ordinance Review 7/8/09 at 1 pm
4. New Business
  - A. AVCOG Appointment
  - B. School consolidation team
5. Additional Business and Other Business
  - A. Manager's Comments
  - B. Public Session
  - C. Quit Claim Deeds/Supplements/Permits/Abatements
  - D. Sign Warrants
6. Executive Session-1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) Labor Negotiations and Executive Session-1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters
7. Adjourn

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**Public Hearing Minutes 7/6/09      USDA \$179,000 loan/grant application**

Select Board Present- Louise Chabot, Jackie Knight, Bill Demaray, Jim Collins, Alphonso Barker

Present- Jim Chaousis, Kent Mitchell, Kristal Flagg, Cora Briggs, Donna Perry, Fred Nadeau, Ron Chadwick

The public hearing was opened by Chairwoman Louise Chabot. The Town Manager gave a brief explanation of the application that the Town is submitting to USDA. The application is intended to cover the increase in the costs assumed in the Route 4 sewer line replacement. The application is for \$179,000. This is a 70% loan/30% grant application, although the town is eligible to get up to a 40% grant. The interest rate is presumably about 3.5% but it will not be known until the money is committed. The pay back on the loan will be for 30 years including the construction time. If it takes a year for construction than there will be a 29 year back, and so on. Kent Mitchell, sewer superintendent, is on hand to answer question that may be asked about the structure of the project.

Kent Mitchell explained that the sewer system is in sad shape. It is a very old system and the Main St is probably the oldest part of the system. The system was put 1911 and is made of clay tile. \$331,000 was the project cost at the inception of the plan to replace the lines and is now \$661,000. The town cannot afford to do this project and yet on the other hand, they cannot afford not to do it. This project is to be bid all at once. This is a Livermore Falls, Jay, Water District, and MDOT project and will bring in some big contractors attracted to the size of this project.

Louise Chabot asked if the funds from MDOT would be used to be the Town's portion of the matched funding. The Town Manager explained that is what was explained to him by OCD. Donna Perry wanted to know why the numbers that she had does not match. The figures that Kent Mitchell is providing do not match the numbers that the Town Manager is providing. The Town Manager explained that the numbers he is giving are the numbers that we have applied for through USDA. The numbers that Kent Mitchell is referring to is preliminary numbers from a contractor.

Kent Mitchell explained that there may be contamination issues along the project, referring to a place near Murray Hall. Ron Chadwick wanted to know if there was any more contamination issues found. Kent Mitchell was not sure.

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Ron Chadwick wanted to know if the loan was going to be paid by user fees or by taxation. It was explained that this would be used in the sewer fund and would be paid back by user fees.

Ron wanted to know if that went for the water district too, and he was assured.

Cora Briggs asked for the loan/grant split to be further explained. The town manager explained this to her.

Kent Mitchell explained that he would need to see what this will do to our sewer rates although there are a few loans that will be paid off soon.

Louise Chabot wanted to know when this will be complete. Since this project is fully dependant on the MDOT road opening we will be at the mercy of the Bond issue for voter referendum in November.

With no more questions Louise Chabot brought the public hearing to a close.

James Collins mm to allow the Town of Livermore Falls to apply for the USDA loan/grant for up to \$179,000, Jackie Knight s. 5-0

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Attendance: Donna Perry, Cora Briggs, Kristal Flagg, Bill Nichols, Ron Chadwick, Fred Nadeau, and Jim Chaousis

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

Consideration of minutes from June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Jim mm to accept, Jackie s. 5-0

### **Old Business**

**Plow Truck Equipping bids:** The town manager explained that the reason why the bids were tabled at the last meeting was due to changes in the specifications that were changed after receiving the bids. With the new specs the monetary numbers changed and we needed time to analyze them. Bill Nichols explained the reasoning for changing the specs. The heavier plow gear is now what he recommends for both of the trucks. They will be similarly equipped. Ron Chadwick was concerned with how the carry over in the budget was executed and explained his displeasure. The board explained that the funds that will be used to pay for the plow trucks will have to go to the people in a special town meeting no matter how it is done. Ron Chadwick believes that the carry over in the budget should be for department operating expenses only and not major purchases. Kristal Flagg explained that the Highway department does not usually have a carry over and is just a reflection of FEMA and MEMA funds that were repaid anyway. Bill mm to accept the TENCO New England proposal to equip the two plow trucks for a total of \$113,125 as stated in the bids, Jackie s. 5-0

**Parking Ordinance Review:** The town manager announced that there will be an informal review of the parking ordinance 7/8/09 at 1pm. The intention of the review will be to address recent concerns from new local businesses with parking issues and to address the parking ordinance as a whole for review. The town manager would like to update the 1980 ordinance to include all amendments to date. Public participation is encouraged.

**Wage Increase request:** Bill mm to accept wage increases to non union employees that was approved in the town warrant, Jackie s. 5-0

**New Business**

**USDA loan/grant:** Jim mm to accept the application to USDA for the loan/grant as stated in the public hearing, Jackie s. 5-0

**AVCOG appointment:** The town manager explained to the board that Livermore Falls is entitled to an Executive Board Committee position in AVCOG due to being a charter member. The town also possesses a general assembly position. One of the positions needs to be an elected official. Jim Collins explained that this is a good opportunity for networking, a conduit for information, and only requiring six meetings a year. He based this information on his past experience on the board, as he has been a past president of AVCOG. Louise mm to appoint Jim Chaousis to the AVCOG executive board committee, Jackie s. 5-0

Louise mm to appoint Jim Collins to the AVOCG general assembly position, Jackie s. 5-0

**School Consolidation team:** The town manager explained that the local town managers met to organize a reinitiating of school consolidation talks. The managers will facilitate the representation from all of the concerned organizations, to include town and school representation. The manager is asking to appoint a representative of the town for further school consolidation discussions. The board recognized the need for school consolidation discussions, and have asked Jim Collins to represent Livermore Falls due to his school board experience.

**Treasurer's year end report:** Kristal made note that two accounts were over budget, buildings and GA.

**Public hearing for dangerous building:** The town manager apologized for bringing this business to the board at the last minute but it was important to add to the agenda. Through progress on hazardous buildings in town we have received legal advice to have a public hearing on the property located at 418 Campground Road to deem it a dangerous building. A majority vote of the selectboard is needed to make formal notice to the property owners and concerned parties. Leo Copp owns the property with a recent deed change from Cathy Nichols. Both people will be notified in order to make sure everyone of concern is officially notified. Bill mm to set a date of 8/3/09 for a public hearing on 418 Campground Road to precede the regularly scheduled selectboard meeting at 630 pm, Jim s. 5-0

**Public Session:**

Ron Chadwick is concerned about the condition of the signs at the town lines. He believes that they are in bad shape and reflect poorly on the town. They are the first things you see when you enter town and some areas they are overgrown. The sign for the business district across from Ware-Butler is also in poor shape.

Ron Chadwick also reiterated his displeasure in how the plow truck money is being assembled and asked if the trucks could go out to bid now. The board explained that when we get to the point of moving money around for the purchase of the plow trucks, there will be a special town meeting to make sure all transactions are justified by the people.

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

Louise mm to go into executive session for poverty abatement, Bill s. 5-0

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

Bill mm to table poverty abatement 10-01, Alphonso s. 5-0

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

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

Bill mm to table personnel matters, Jackie s. 5-0

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

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

Jim mm to adjourn, Louise s. 5-0