

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Select Board

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Select Board **MINUTES**
August 6, 2024
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 pm

1. Call meeting to order

Will called meeting to order at 6:30

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Hearing

4. Approval of the Minutes

4.1 Minutes of July 16, 2024

Bruce said Chief Haroon's name was spelled wrong in section 9

Will made the 1st motion to approve with the correction of the Chief's name.

Bruce made the 2nd motion to approve

VOTE: 4-0 to approve minutes from July 16th with the correction made of Chief Haroon's name.
(Jeff was not at the meeting on July 16th.)

4.2 Minutes of July 29, 2024

Jim made the 1st motion to approve the July 29th minutes as written

Bruce made the 2nd motion to approve

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of approving July 29 minutes as written.

5. Old business:

5.1 Truck Bid Award

Carrie told the Board that there was a schedule conflict and Bill could not be at the meeting.

Will made the 1st motion to table

Jim made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor to table the truck bid.

6. New Business:

6.1 Sugar Kush Marijuana License Renewal

Carrie presented the completed paperwork to the Board and everything is in order and everyone Has signed off on it. Carrie's recommendation is that it be approved with conditions.

There have been some complaints of employees and suggest that the town be advised of who Is working there and that be monitored.

Will asked about the person on the sidewalk and Jim said he has been by there several times

And that they appear to be closed. Jim said that he has looked inside and there doesn't appear to be anything in there so why we would renew a license to a closed business.

Carrie told the Board that if we don't renew the license then he would need to start the process All over.

Jim was surprised that the storeowner was not at the meeting to answer questions.

Bruce asked if the storeowner was communicating with the town, Carrie told the Board that

There has been communication with the Code Enforcement; Dana said he has a person in mind to run the store and the grow facility.

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The employees would need to agree to be monitored by the town, of sorts.

Hard to run a business when they are not here all the time.

Jim said the application states there is nothing different than the original application, however, there are differences so therefore he did not answer correctly.

Will made the 1st motion to approve the license for Sugar Kush with conditions, Dana would have to inform the employees of the strict rules of the ordinance and the conditions of monitoring. And license will be removed as well as possible termination.

Jeff made 2nd

VOTE: 2-3 of not approving the medical marijuana license for Sugar Kush.

6.2 Mark culvert – joint reserve account

Mark gave information to Carrie to relay to the Board.

Carrie told the Board that Mark was looking to buy a large culvert out of the reserve account Because he can buy it much cheaper than the contractor, Mark is asking for up to \$5,000.

Out of the joint reserve account.

Jim asked if this is part of the upgrade project then why would we have it come from the joint reserve.

Will said the money is going to still be used from the grant to purchase something else.

Will made the 1st motion to approve up to \$5,000. From the joint reserve account for a new culvert.

Jim made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to approve taking up to \$5,000. From the joint reserve account for a new culvert.

6.3 CMP pole permit

Carrie told the Board that this is for a pole on Baldwin, Jim asked “what does this mean”

Is there any liability to the town, Carrie told the Board this is just a formality for CMP because the pole is in the town right of way.

Jim made the 1st motion approve the pole permit for the corner of Munsey Ave and Baldwin St..

Will made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of approving the pole permit for the corner of Munsey Ave and Baldwin St.

7. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

7.1 Payroll Warrant #28 \$31,216.97, #29 \$28,217.13, #30 \$32,788.33, #31 \$29,558.29

7.2 General Fund Warrant #1 \$398,860.36, #2 \$127,355.43, #3 \$39,151.51 (includes Pay Req 54), #4 \$28,469.91, #5 \$296,612.25, #6 \$76,629.94 (includes Pay Req #54), #7 \$3,867.34 (sludge)

Will made the 1st motion to approve warrants 7.1 through 7.2

Bruce made the 2nd motion to approve.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of approving warrants 7.1 through 7.2

7.3 Abatement – NONE

7.4 Supplement – NONE

8. Board Discussion

Nothing to report

9. Department Reports

Doris reported that 30-day notices went out in July, and we have seen success in the payments

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With collecting about \$136,000. Working and trying to collect from those that owe several thousand dollars.

10. Town Manager Report

September 17 MMA in Augusta newly elected officials' workshop for Jeff and John.
Plymouth engineering has gone silent, but not giving up yet and still working with them.
New personnel policy sent to attorney for review, 88 pages and have a few more sections to add.
August 20th AVGOG will be here to discuss community resilience program which is a public forum
And is part of the grant program. self-evaluations to be completed.
The office staff has been working and making the adjustments with the new accounting system
But is working better and will start having financial reports for the Board's review.

Will asked Carrie about what we were looking for from Plymouth Engineering:
Carrie told the Board that she wanted to add options like a generator, is there an option
For solar and siding what to minimize the expenses for the life of the building.
Jim asked Carrie if we should be checking for an alternate company to work with on the building.

11. Public Comment

12. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) – Poverty Abatement Application PA-2024-001

Will made motion to enter Executive Session at 6:51

Jeff made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to enter Executive Session.

Will made 1st motion to exit Executive Session

Jeff made the 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to exit Executive Session. At 7:23pm

13. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) – Poverty Abatement Application PA-2024-002

Will made the 1st motion to enter Executive Session at 7:25

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to enter Executive Session at 7:25

Bruce made the 1st motion to exit Executive Session

Jim made the 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to exit Executive Session at 7:35pm

Bruce made the 1st motion to Deny both poverty abatements

Jim made the 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to deny both poverty abatements.

14. Adjourn

Bruce made the 1st motion to adjourn.

Jim made 2nd motion to adjourn

VOTE: 5-0 to adjourn at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Doris Austin, Town Clerk