

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Select Board

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PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 pm

Livermore Falls Town Office
Animal Control and Dog Control Ordinance
Solar Energy Systems Ordinance

Select Board Meeting

April 1, 2025

Livermore Falls Town Office

Immediately After Public Hearing

1. Call meeting to order

Will called the meeting to order at 6:30

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Hearing

Animal Control Ordinance

We had a large turn out for this Ordinance and many residents spoke, here is a list of names of most residents that spoke. Kayleigh, Rebecca, Scott, Doreen, Joshua, Destiny, Robert, Kayal, Erin, Johanna Andrew, Joshua and Amy. They all have the same concerns about the Ordinance, they believe it is overreaching and listing out the number of birds you can have does not make sense as they use the birds to feed their families and for a family of four you would need at least 10 birds to feed them. Plus, we have to have a place to slaughter, and the ordinance prohibits that. Almost everyone that spoke said they take care of the animals and their yard; they feel this ordinance is for people to complain and then you are going to go do something. They also stated that this is for the town of Livermore Falls not for the people in the village and it's an overreach and stopping people from providing for their families, and they are going to vote this down. Scott said he takes his goats on hikes, graze land and brings them to home schools to teach how to take care of them. Scott did admit that he has too many goats. Other residents with goats say they keep their yard clean, they have shelter, and they use their milk for their family. Everyone also felt that we should have notified residents that the town was doing this ordinance so they could have input. Erin mentioned she has had issues with a neighbor and her birds, she said just talk to your neighbor. This ordinance came about for two reasons a dog that never stops barking and others have come to the meetings because their neighbor was not listening to their request. The planning board did the best that they could and maybe if we could have heard from everyone it would have made a difference. Residents said they go to our town website for information like when meetings are and other information, and it has not been updated in a long time. Will did say the select board meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm and the planning board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. Will said he is aware of issue's the town is having with the website and it is cumbersome to use. Will asked Carrie about getting a new website, and Carrie said it is very expensive. Will mentioned about putting it in a future budget. Will also encourage the residents to get talk about their concerns tonight, Solar Ordinance – Will asked if there were any questions or concerns, there were no Kayliegh asked if it was already going to vote? She was told yes. Will closes the public meeting.

4. Approval of the Minutes

4.1 February 20, 2025

Jin motioned to approve the minutes

Bruce 2nd the motion

All in favor 5-0

5. Old business:

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5.1 Bid opening – 22 Gagnon Street

Did not receive any bids because they it is not a conforming lot. Rick (CEO) said they are legally non-conforming lots if they were built on in the past. Will is asking if we want to put it back out to bid or list it with a realtor? Jeff motioned to but it back out to bid with an end date of April 30, 2025. Carrie mentioned that is the day after the Town vote, Will motions to amend the close date for the bid to May 5, John 2nd the motion. All in favor 5-0

5.2 Bid opening – 100 Main Street

Did not receive any bids because they it is not a conforming lot. Rick (CEO) said they are legally non-conforming lots if they were built on in the past. Jeff motioned to but it back out to bid with an end date of May 5, John 2nd. All in favor 5-0

5.3 Bid opening – 95 Park Street

Diana Flagg bid \$3,500 and put a tiny home for personal residents
Joseph Young bid \$2,000 and is unsure at this time what he will do with it
Peggy Turner bid \$7,010 she will clean up the lot and put a home on it
Bruce said the appraisal value is \$9,000 and clean up for the lot is \$12,000, he is motioning to Except the bib for \$7,010, Jim 2nd motion. All in favor 5-0

6. New Business:

6.1 Fire Department Billing Proposals

Carrie sent out a request to all three places Nate mentioned and no one responded, she is asking the board what they would like her to proceed with. Jim is asking who Turner and Jay uses, Carrie does not know. Jim suggested having Carrie reach out with a phone call. Bruce motioned to reach out by phone, John 2nd the motion. All in favor 5-0

6.2 CEO Appointment – Rick Haas

Carrie introduced Rick and mentioned all his titles which are Codes, E911 addressing Officer, Plumbing & Electrical Inspector and Shore land zoning. Will motions to confirm appointment, Bruce 2nd, All in favor 5-0

6.3 AVCOG – Vulnerability Assessment Presentation

Shelly and Kathrine from AVCOG, was saying they are working with all three towns, Livermore, Livermore Falls and Jay. They are looking for feedback from each of our communities and the information they get back will help with addressing and making action plans. They passed out a sheet with Project Objectives, Natural Hazards examples & Impact examples, along with a sheet with questions like What hazards and/or impacts should we focus on? Some responses were extreme heat & cold, flooding and high winds,

Another question: Are there any previous studies or planning efforts that we can build upon? Responses: a warming center, a generator for the fire station, a new HVAC system for this Building, replace the windows in this building.

Question: Should be focus on specific infrastructure? Specific geographic area(s)?

Responses: river, parking spaces because we are losing 20 parking spaces when they redo the road.

Question: Who would be good to engage that might be most vulnerable to natural hazards (such as Elderly populations, populations without internet, folks with health issues, etc.)

Responses: Health Reach, they can identify people that need this service and give them your Information. Food, Pantry, Soap & more, Library about who comes in to use the computers and Western Maine (bus service)

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7. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

7.1 Payroll Warrant #9 \$27,735.63, #10 \$28,901.03, #11 \$24,265.26, #12 \$24,115.14
#13 \$21,958.67

Will motions to approve, Bruce 2nd motion. All in favor 4-0, 1 Abstains (Jim)

7.2 General Fund Warrant #56 \$283,847.50

Will motions to approve, John 2nd motion/ all in favor 4-0 1 Abstains (Jim)

7.3 Quit Claim Deed – Map 5 Lot 5 (Barker)

Bruce motions to approve, Jim 2nd motion. All in favor 4-0 1 Abstains (Will)

Abatement – NONE

Supplement – NONE

8. Board Discussion – Will wanted the planning board to know they appreciate all the work they had done on the Ordinance.

9. Department Reports

10. Town Manager Report – Bids for East Livermore Fire Station is due on April 16 by 11am here at the Town Office. The annual appointment for AVCOG needs to be done again. Bruce motions to re-appoint Carrie, John 2nd the motion. All in favor 5-0

Will asked about Plymouth Engineering if we heard from them and where they are posting the bids. Carrie has not heard.

11. Department Head Discussion - Ab is working on creating a digital base form (PDF) to add to our website. There has been an increase in juvenile offenses & thefts, store owners are reporting these to us because of our relationship with the community and they see we are taking our jobs seriously. For

staffing we have two vacancies still that need to be filled, we have two officers in training one is exiting the training, and one will be entering the training, then they will be going on to the academy. We are upgrading downstairs with an access control system. The PD is still waiting on car #1 we have the car; we are just waiting for the inside guts to be done. Ab is working with staff with a robust training, and hoping to get to a point that we host training for other organizations, this is goal of mine and I think we can achieve it. The Town is back up to 24 hours coverage and has been for about two months. I will be on this schedule for the next six weeks and then back on the schedule that matches the Town Office hour for fourteen weeks, then back to the 24-hour schedule for about eighteen weeks. Will asked how we compare in staffing to other surrounding towns, and Ab said they are all in the same boat as us. Will said the board is grateful Ab has come on and brought us to where we are today. A resident asked how often we are out of town with aid? Ab said there is a really good balance right now, looking at it quarterly we received more aid in the first quarter, and we give more aid the second quarter.

Rick thanks the town for bringing him on and being able to bring his experience to help the town. Rick wanted the board to know he grew up on a very large farm and he was a goat farmer for many years. So he can speak to anyone here about all types of farm animals.

Tammy said Thursday they sent out about 500 letters to residents that still owe on 2024 taxes. This letter is a courtesy letter letting them know they were missed and to help not have to send out 30 day

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notice which adds cost to the residents accounts. The response from the letters have been surprisingly overwhelming with response and was worth the work.

- 12. Public Comment** – Sharon Bailey, Erin Quintel and Jim Long said they will volunteer some time to help with the website. Will asked about getting a new website and Carrie said it is very expensive. Will asked if it could be in a future budget and Carrie said yes.

- 13. Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A s405(6)(D) union negotiations**
Will motions to go into executive session at 8:26pm, Jeff 2nd the motion. All in favor 5-0

- 14. Adjourn**
Bruce motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm
Jeff 2nd the motion
All in favor 5-0

