



Town of Livermore Falls

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Select Board Meeting
April 16, 2024
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 pm

1. Jim L called meeting to order at 6:37pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jim added Executive Session for labor negotiations

3. Public Hearing:

- 3.1 Building Standards Ordinance,

Jim Long opened the floor for discussion, no comments, Jim L closed the floor for discussion

- 3.2 Special Amusement Permit Application

Jim L opened the floor for discussion, no comments, Jim L closed the floor for discussion

- 3.3 Special Amusement Permit Application

Apple Pumpkin Festival Jim L opened the floor for discussion, no comments, Jim L closed the floor for discussion

4. Approval of the Minutes:

- 4.1 Tabled

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

- 6.1 Maine Farmland Trust Presentation

Thacher Carter from M.F.T. stated what they work to protect farmland. They are a resource to help towns with proposals for grants and there is no cost to the Town to for their service. It is a three-year program, the first year would be training to help support Agriculture, organize listening sessions with the public and to go over their vision, benefits of joining other surrounding Towns. Second and third year they would continue to be a resource to the town. Thacher said he was not looking for an immediate answer but would be in touch soon. Ernie Asked if it includes forestry and the answer was no, Ernie gave him info to look into about forestry. Will asked about the grants and what they would help the Town with, Thacher said things like farmers market, land use ordinances and tax programs to help support farming to name a few. Jim Cyr asked about the policy for land use. An example was Agrotourism Events. Bruce mentioned the strong present of the Amish and wants to know how this would affect them, Thacher said they have a working relationship with the Amish in town and would reach out to them to join us for the meetings and it would be up to them if they participated. Jim L was confirming that M.F.T. would be a resource for us to be a more farm friendly town. Will wants

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to know the time frame for a decision to join, we have two months. Jim L asked if other towns are showing interest, and other towns are showing interest, Will said he has interest in joining. Ernie asked if we joined would it benefit farmland, so people are not using it for solar? Yes, they can work with us on making ordinances for solar so we can have both.

6.2 Special Amusement Permit Application – History Night

Jim L motions to approve and waive fee, Bruce 2nd
All in favor 5-0

6.3 Special Amusement Permit Application – Apple Pumkin Festival

Jim L motions to approve and waive fee, Will 2nd
All in favor 5-0

6.4 Building Standards Ordinance

Will motions to accepts and send to the June Election, Will also thought the committee did a great job and thanked them.
Jim Cyr 2nd
All in favor 5-0

6.5 Set date for sewer rate public hearing – May 7, 2024

Jim motioned to set the date and time for sewer rate public hearing for May 7 at 6:30pm. Mark asked if the board would like to see different rate scenarios, Will would like to see how we get to the rate we will be charging the customers. Mark told him there are several ways to come up with that number and he will send some over for them to look at.

Jim L motioned to accept the May 7th date, Will 2nd
All in favor 3, abstain 2 because they will no longer be on the board.

6.6 Close Route 4 for Memorial Day Parade

Abe's concern is the length of the parade and how it will impact the local businesses; he gave advice to the Legion to work with the local businesses and maybe pass out a coupon for them. Beside that Abe says it will be manageable. The parade will start at Memo and end at the Gazebo. The fire department has nine volunteers, and the Jay police are on board to help.

Will motions to close Rt4, Jim L 2nd the motion
All in favor 5-0

6.7 Androscoggin County Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

Will said it doesn't explain or have details about the plan, and Ernie agreed. Jim Cyr said there is a goal section.

Bruce motioned to approve the resolution, Jim L 2nd
All in favor 3-2

6.8 Quit Claim Deed – Map 15, Lot 20

Carrie will have the Quit Claim Deed tomorrow to sign
Jim L asked if all board members need to sign and the answer is yes.

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Jim L motioned to accept and sign the Quit Claim Deed to the owner, Bruce 2nd the motion
All in favor 5-0

7. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

Will motioned to accept 7.1 through 7.6, Bruce 2nd the motion

No abatements

No supplements

8. Board Discussion:

Ernie drove 5 miles from the Fire Department and most of East Livermore Falls is in the 5-mile radius for the Insurance benefits.

Jim Cyr lives on Diamond Rd and said people dump mattresses over the bank because they do not want to pay the fee at the transfer station. He suggested that we get license plate numbers for people who do not want to pay the fee and leave their trash on the roadside, another suggestion was to have no littering signs on Diamond Rd in both directions, or have a camera.

Jim L asked about 2023 audit, and Carrie said they are saying we will have it in May. Jim also reminded everyone of the Municipal vote on Tuesday the 23rd. Jim L would like the board to consider having Portland Trust to come and work with us on investing our money. Jim L presented Ernie and Jim Cyr with a certificate of appreciation for their work on the board.

9. Department Head Discussion:

Abe said they had a very active month with 452 service call last month, 23 calls had likelihood to become violent or involve weapons in the last month. 26 calls were medical, and Officer Adcock saved a life with Narcan. Mutual Aid from Jay is at 61% and 39% Jay asks for our aid Even being shorthanded 25% of the Officers time they are generating their own calls.

19 were arrests

27 reports which is nearly one report a day

8 Motor vehicle accidents

16 motor stops

The PD received a \$3,000 grant for 3 computers, and they were awarded a grant for body armor, which will cover 50% of the cost over the next year.

10. Town Manager Report

Shiloh and Carrie had a zoom meeting with AVCIG about working on a recreation master plan with the three towns. They are going to write a grant to fund the master plan for us, it's a better approach using the three towns. Spruce Mt., French Falls and our Rec Park are the three areas for the grant. Some things we would like to do are redo our tennis courts, an outdoor fitness court and bathrooms. Jay is talking about accessible trails at French Falls, an amphitheater, Spruce Mt., snow making equipment and work on their parking lot. This will be a phased plan, and the grant ranges from \$50,000 to \$200,000 there is a match on this, and it can be done by in kind, so that can be done by Carrie's time, the Comprehensive plans time or the Boards time, we can also use a little bit of the TIFF money. Jay was talking about using their recreational money. Carrie did not have a chance to talk to Livermore yet and she needs signatures on the letter of support for

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AVCOG for them to move forward with our grant application. Jim L asked if anyone had questions and Will said it was exciting news and something to look forward to. As requested by the board, we have suggested hours the Town Office could be open and would like to survey the residents at the Municipal vote on Tuesday. It was mentioned to do this last fall when we changed our hours to be open one night a week. Will said with doing the survey, maybe more people will realize we are open late one night a week now. After some discussion about the sign out front, the board agreed to survey the residents about new Town Office Hours.

11. Public Comment – none

12. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) labor negotiation

Jim Cyr motions to go into Executive Session, Will 2nd motion

All in favor 5-0

Out of executive session at 8:26 pm

13. Adjourn

Bruce motion to adjourn.

Jim Cyr 2nd the motion.

VOTE: 5-0 Adjourned at 8:26 pm