

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Select Board

William Kenniston - Chair
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John Barbioni

Bruce Peary
Jeffrey Bryant

MINUTES
Select Board Meeting
April 15, 2025
Livermore Falls Town Office

Present: Bruce Peary, Jim Long, Will Kenniston, Jeff Bryant, and John Barbioni

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the agenda: Add Map 15, Lot 19 Quit Claim Deed to the agenda and remove Payroll warrant #13 as it was approved at the last meeting.

3. Public Hearing

4. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the minutes as presented; second by Jim Long. Vote 5-0-0

5. Old business:

5 New Business:

6.1 Paving bids

Bids were solicited from five vendors; two bids were received: Pike Industries and Spencer Group.

A motion was made by Will Kenniston; seconded by Bruce Peary to approve Spencer Group as the paving contractor for FY 2026. Vote: 5-0-0

6.2 Sand bids

Bill Nichols asked that this item be tabled as one of the towns in the joint bid was unable to be present (Jay). This is a joint bid done with Fayette, Jay and Wilton.

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to table this item until the May 6, 2025, meeting; seconded by John Barbioni. Vote: 5-0-0

6.3 Special Amusement Permit Ordinance

Rick Haas spoke about items 6.3 and 6.4 together. He recommended that these two ordinances be repealed and the permits be issued by the CEO. The permit process would become a policy that is set by the select board.

A motion was made by Bruce Peary to move this to a June vote; seconded by John Barbioni. Vote: 5-0-0

6.4 Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance (see above)

6.5 Legal Services

Carrie Castonguay reported that after May 5, 2025, Jensen Baird will no longer be doing municipal legal services. She reached out to an attorney from Winthrop she has known for approximately 12-years and she has agreed to be our interim attorney until an RFP process could be completed.

A motion was made by Bruce Peary to retain Amanda Meader, Esq. as legal counsel; seconded by Jeff Bryant. Vote: 5-0-0

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Jim Long asked for a list of current municipal clients and that she come to a meeting in the near future to meet the board.

6.6 Close Water Street for History Night – May 23, 2025

Carrie Castonguay asked that Water Street be closed for History Night given the success of last year's event and for safety reasons.

A motion was made by Jim Long to close Water Street for History Night; seconded by Bruce Peary. Vote: 5-0-0

6.7 Pump replacement

Mark Holt presented information on a 1988 pump at the Meadowbrook Pump Station that broke and requested funds in the amount not to exceed \$17,000 from the Livermore Falls Sewer Reserve Account to replace the pump. A motion was made by Will Kenniston to use up to \$17,000 from the Livermore Falls Sewer Reserve Account to replace the broken pump; seconded by Bruce Peary. Vote: 5-0-0

6 Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

7.1 Payroll Warrant: #13 \$21,958.67, #14 \$40,640.39, #15 \$22,223.22

7.2 General Fund Warrant: # 57 \$139,162.85, #58 \$80,820.95, #59 \$157,015 (PW truck),
#60 \$227,077.10

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve Payroll Warrants 13, 14, and 15; and General Fund Warrants 57, 58, 59, and 60; second by Jim Long. Vote: 5-0-0

7.3 Quit Claim Deed – Map 7, Lot 49

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the quit claim deed for Map 7, Lot 49; seconded by Jim Long. Vote 5-0-0

Map 15, Lot 19

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the quit claim deed for Map 15, Lot 19; seconded by Jim Long. Vote 5-0-0

Abatement – NONE

Supplement – NONE

7 Board Discussion

8 Manager Discussion

- Congratulations to Bill Nichols for meeting the certification requirements of DOT's Road Scholar Program.
- Plymouth Engineering update: bids due date and preconstruction meeting were provided.
- Carrie attended the introductory meeting for the energy audit grant. The result will be a report with recommendations, cost estimates and ROI.
- Next meeting on May 6, will be busy meeting with a public hearing to set sewer rate as well as the disposition of tax and sewer foreclosed properties.
- Looking for ideas for hanging baskets for Main Street.

9 Department Head Discussion

- Bill Nichols: New truck was delivered to Viking Cives last week and street sweeping will start next week.
- Rick Haas: Everything is going well; he's using the new town vehicle and he has issued one notice of violation and has warned put a couple more properties.
- Abe Haroon: Discussed a drone program.

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- A motion was made by Jim Long for the investigation and purchase of a drone not to exceed \$9,000 and an additional \$2,000 for training; second by John Barbioni. Vote: 4-0-1 (Bruce Peary was absent for this vote). Bruce Peary, upon return to the meeting, expresses his support of the program.

10 Public Comment

- Sharon Bailey questioned if the town had ever done a community clean-up day. Bill responded that it has been done but not for a long time as there was too much bulky waste and it was not feasible.
 - There was a discussion on trash on the roadside.
- Gayle Long asked about the size of the drone. Chief Haroon responded.
- Dana Cummings asked about the drone flying at night. Chief Haroon responded.

11 Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) union negotiations

A motion was made by Will Kenniston at 7:36 pm to enter into executive session; second by Bruce Peary. Vote: 5-0-0

Out of executive session at 8:23 pm.

12 Adjourn

A motion was made by Bruce Peary to adjourn at 8:23 pm; seconded by Jeff Bryant. Vote: 5-0-0

