

Town of Livermore Falls

Office of the Select Board

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Select Board Meeting
May 20, 2025
Livermore Falls Town Office
*****MINUTES*****

1. Call meeting to order

Will called meeting to order at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Hearing

3. Approval of the Minutes

4.1 May 13, 2025

Will made 1st motion to approve as written

Bruce made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to approve minutes as written for May 13, 2025

4. Old business:

5. New Business:

6.1 Sell 2019 Cruiser

Will made 1st motion to have town manager put 2019 cruiser on GovDeals for sale

Ernie made 2nd

VOTE: 5-0 to approve the town manager to put 2019 cruiser on GovDeals

6.2 Sell 4 x 4 Public Works Vehicle

Bill told the Board that he would like to sell the 2009 Freightliner that has already been replaced
And would like to have the money put into reserve fund.

Will made the 1st motion to have the town manager sell the 2019 freightliner

John made 2nd

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of having town manager put for sale the 2019 freightliner.

6.3 PSAP Contract

Carrie told the Board this is the annual contract bill for dispatch and is for \$40,208.40

Will made the 1st motion to approve the Androscoggin County Sheriff dispatch contract for Jan 1, 2026- Dec 31, 2026 for \$40,208.40

Ernie made the 2nd

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of the contract and the amount of \$40,208.40

6.4 Establish Marijuana Ordinance Committee

Will said a discussion was held at a planning board meeting that there should be a committee formed

Carrie told the Board that for any committee it would need to be a charge and established by the Board and there would need to be the composition of the committee and how many members.

Dana Cummings, Robert Tarrant and Michael Shea were all present and would like to be on the committee representing the medical marijuana businesses in town.

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Carrie told the board the discussion was to amend the marijuana ordinance to include recreational and would like it to include 2 planning board members, 2 store owners 2 anti-cannabis residents, 1 select board member a from the school.

Will made 1st motion to approve creating a committee

Bruce made 2nd

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of forming committee to establish a Marijuana Ordinance

Tom Barker spoke and said that he was very pleased with the meeting he had with store owners They were very respectful and went very well.

Will would like to make the committee at next meeting.

Ernie made 1st motion to table the committee.

Bruce made 2nd

VOTE: 5-0 in favor to table the committee.

6.5 Window Grant

Carrie told the board that the town received a grant for \$75,000 to replace the windows. Carrie would like to seek local contractors to do the work. And they have until March of 2026 to complete the project.

Will made the 1st motion to have bids due for the next meeting by 5pm June 3rd.

Ernie 2nd

Vote: 5-0 to have bids back by 5pm on June 3rd for window replacement.

6.6 Sell Map 18, Lot 36-A

Mason Block is for sale and have been approached by broker to sell the lot behind them.

Ernie said where it is a request he would like to deny so there is no issues with traffic getting to The other businesses that travel through there.

Will made the 1st motion to table until further information is received.

Bruce made 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to table the sale until further information is received

6.7 Approve June 24, 2025, Town Meeting Warrant

Ernie made 1st motion to approve moving forward with warrant to become a ballot

John made 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of moving forward the warrant for ballot

Will said we are moving forward with having descriptions for each article at the next meeting.

6.8 Fire Substation Bid Results

Carrie reported that we had the bid opening for the substation and that we received 3 bids for substation, from Benchmark, HE Callahan and Nickerson General Contracting, heard today that Nickerson's has withdrawn and they were the low bidder and unfortunately they are both much Higher than the town has appropriated for the project.

H.E. Callahan came in at \$565,000. And Benchmark is at \$595,000.

With this project the contractor needs to have a performance bond and with number crunching

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And changing a few things as well as going with a local contractor with possibly less overhead would like to see if we can go that route.

Will made the 1st motion for the town manager to speak with Plymouth Engineering regarding the changes and having bids back by July 15th at 5pm.

Ernie made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 to move forward with changes and having bids back by 5pm on July 15th.

6.9 Joint Sewer Reserve Request

Mark asked the board for a new zero turn lawnmower, would like a John Deere and would replace the current cub cadet.

75% would come from joint account and the other 25% would come from Livermore Falls.

75% of the work at the treatment plant and the other 25% at the Livermore Falls pump stations.

Would also like to have a 7 X 14 trailer to move the mower as well as using for projects like hauling pipe

Ernie suggested using the trailer that the fire department purchased, that option is to be looked at.

Will look into combining use between departments.

Ernie made 1st motion to go forward with the zero turn mower in the amount of \$3849.00

And put the cub cadet up for bid.

John made 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of spending \$3,849. On new John Deer zero turn

6. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

7.1 Payroll Warrant: #19 \$26,845.51, #20 \$28,238.43

7.2 General Fund Warrant: # 68 \$18,738.23, #69 \$2,907.45, # \$94,512.19

Will made 1st motion to approve

Ernie made 2nd motion

7.3 Quit Claim Deed –

Map 14, Lot 7

Map 11, Lot 4-6-ON

Map 10, Lot 17

Map 15, Lot 41

Map 20, Lot 136

Map 19, Lot 29

Map 20, Lot 223

Carrie suggested that this done as block, these are paid off and need to be Quit Claimed back to Previous owners.

Will made the 1st motion to approve all above to be quit claimed back to owner.

Ernie made 2nd motion.

VOTE: 4-0 in favor of Quit Claim going back to previous owner. (Bruce stepped out)

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7.4 Abatement – NONE

7.5 Supplement – NONE

7. Board Discussion

Ernie asked the Board to consider moving the meetings to 6pm, just asking for consideration.

8. Manager Discussion

Carrie wanted to say thank you to Sharon, Jim and Arin for the work they are doing on updating The website.

Carrie will provide a document explaining the warrant articles for the upcoming vote on June 24th.

Carrie said that she has received a lot of feedback regarding Code Enforcement, yes he has been busy and going through code files and making progress cleaning

9. Department Head Discussion

Bill getting crosswalks painted

Mark joint sewer committee May 21st at 4pm at wastewater plant.

Doris said a young man named Liam came in asked about community garden, we applied for a grant and received \$4,595 to

Start a garden out back and we invite all to come help and establish and maintain this garden.

10. Public Comment

Sharon and Bill went to a recreation meeting looking for more participation.

Bryce Bilodeau asked to be put on next agenda regarding ordinances amendments June 3rd.

Ken Lyman would like to also be added to agenda to talk about codes.

John Benedetto spoke regarding building codes

11. Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) - Real Estate

Bruce made the 1st motion to enter executive session at 8:02

Will made 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to enter executive session 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Will made 1st motion to exit executive session.

Ernie made 2nd

VOTE: 5-0 to exit executive session.

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Bruce made 1st motion to have 18 Millett to be given to American Legion.
Will made 2nd motion
VOTE: 3-0 in favor of giving 18 Millett to American Legion.
Ernie and John recused themselves as they are part of the Legion.

100 Main St to be listed for sale.

126 Pine Ridge see if we can give back to property owner.

22 Gagnon St

Bruce made 1st motion the town talk to the abutters and see if there is interest in property.

Ernie made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of moving forward with talking with abutters for any interest in the property.

12 Cedar St.

Will made the 1st motion to move forward with interested parties

Ernie made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of moving forward with the sale with interested parties.

12. Adjourn

Bruce made 1st motion to adjourn at 9:10pm

Ernie made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of adjourning at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Doris Austin, Town Clerk