

*Town of Livermore Falls*  
*Office of the Select Board*

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**Jeffrey Bryant**

**Public Hearing**  
**August 13, 2025 Special Town Meeting Warrant**  
**5:30 pm**

Select Board Meeting  
**August 5, 2025**  
Livermore Falls Town Office following Public Hearing

**\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\***

Will opened the public hearing at 5:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Will read each warrant article that is being presented to the voters on August 13, 2025

Along with an explanation of each article and asked for questions or comments.

No questions or comments until article 6 Mark told the Board that the town also receives Money back from Jay for the last three loans that are listed, so the total so the total debt Service for the sewer department is \$331,304 but we receive is \$124,320 so the debt To Livermore Falls sewer users is \$206,984.

There is approximately \$10 million in grants from the state SRF program DEP and It is very important to pay those back or it could turn them into loans which the sewer users. If this article does not pass, then it could turn into paying back \$18 million instead of \$2.5 million.

Mark said this is not a threat, this is just the facts.

DEP representative Robert Hartly was introduced and told the Board about the implications Of this article not passing which includes people not working to run the required testing could Result in wastewater going into the river untreated and creating fines of anywhere between \$100 and \$10,000 per day per violation.

Mark also said that 25 tests are done weekly and it would cost \$250,000 per week in fines and DEP says if there was discharges done intentionally into the river that had not been tested the fines would be very harsh.

and then that falls under article 4 debt service so it would fall on the taxpayers.

Carrie reminded everyone that voting is Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am-8pm.

Will declared the public hearing closed at 5:47

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**1. Call meeting to order**

Will called meeting to order at 5:47

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Hearings**

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

4.1 July 1, 2025

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve from July 1<sup>st</sup> as written

Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup>

VOTE: 4-0-1 to approve minutes from July 1<sup>st</sup> as written. Ernie was not present for 7-1 meeting

4.2 July 14, 2025

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve for July 14<sup>th</sup> as written

Jeff made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

VOTE: 3-0-1 to approve minutes from July 14<sup>th</sup> as written. Ernie abstained and Bruce was not present.

4.3 July 15, 2025

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve minutes from July 15 as written

Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to approve the minutes from July 15<sup>th</sup> as written.

**5. Old business**

5.1 Citizen's Petition

Will received the petitions and the paperwork and the board needs to either accept or reject.

Ernie suggested either table or reject and form a committee

Bruce would like to accept and to move forward with petitions.

Livermore Falls Farming and Forestry Freedom Amendment

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to send to vote November 4, 2025

Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE: 3-2 in favor to send Livermore Falls Farming and Forestry to vote November 4th

Livermore Falls Construction Integrity and Home Rule Amendment.

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to send to vote November 4<sup>th</sup>

Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE: 3-2 in favor to send Livermore Falls Construction Integrity and Home Rule Amendment

To vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Livermore Falls Electrical Code Independence and State Permitting Alignment Amendment

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to send to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

VOTE: 3-2 in favor to send Livermore Falls Electrical Code Independence and State Permitting Alignment Amendment to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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### 5.2 LPI Interlocal Agreement

Carrie has worked with Jay and came up with a mutual agreement on mileage and hourly rate.

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to have town manager sign LPI Interlocal Agreement.

Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of town manager signing and moving forward with interlocal agreement.

## **6. New Business:**

### 6.1 Solar Lease Agreement

Carrie told the board that this is down on Diamond Road and is looking for approval to sign.

Will said this property cannot be used for anything else because it is on the site of the old dump.

Will made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to sign the agreement with ION Renewables

John made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of moving forward with signing of agreement with ION Renewables.

### 6.2 By-laws for Boards and Committees

Will would like all boards and committees to be in line with the Select Board.

Bruce would like all Boards to be able to make amendments to the agendas before meetings.

Ernie made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to table By-laws for Boards and Committees until corrections made.

Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

VOTE: 5-0 to table By-Laws for Boards and Committees until corrections have been made.

### 6.3 MMA Executive Committee Ballot

Carrie told the Board that the acceptance of executive members is done every year

Vice President Anthony Ward and executive committee Phil Crowel, Suzette Francis Marc Leonard.

Bruce made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the proposed MMA Committee members

Ernie made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE: 5-0 to endorse the proposed MMA Executive members.

### 6.4 FEMA Grant – Norris Bridge

Carrie told the Board the bridge on Strickland Loop Road is in need of repair and she

Approached FEMA about a grant and was approved for \$47,458.21 for design and engineering

of this bridge and the town would have to match 25% which is \$15,818.41, The total is \$63,277.82

this is just for design and engineering.

Long term effect if nothing is done is that the bridge gets closed which would make 2 dead ends

because this road is a loop and both sides come out on to route 106 and could cause problems with

Snowplows and emergency vehicles.

Carrie told the Board there are funds available in Capital Improvements.

Ernie made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to take \$15,819 out of capital reserve for the town's portion.

Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

VOTE: 4-1 in favor of taking \$15,819. Out of Capital Improvements for the town's portion to cover design and engineering for the Norris Bridge.

### 6.5 Apple Pumpkin Festival – Special Amusement Permit

Bruce made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve the application and wave the fee for the Apple Pumpkin Festival

Ernie made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Vote: 5-0 in favor of accepting the application and waving the fee for Apple Pumpkin Festival.



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6.6 Map 20, Lot 229

Carrie told the Board that this is a property the town foreclosed on and the person living there has Found an apartment and it will be vacant and would like to pass it to the town's broker

Bruce made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to place in broker's hands

Will made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion,

5-0 in favor of having Town Manager put the property in broker's hands.

**7. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim**

7.1 Payroll Warrant: #29 \$30,829.45, #30 \$35,463.79, #31 \$33,014.38

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion approve 7.1 warrants

Ernie made 2<sup>nd</sup>

VOTE: 5-0 to approve 7.1 warrants as presented.

7.2 General Fund Warrant: #80 \$23,699.94, #81 \$2,917.00, #1 \$778,104.45, #2 \$23,029.07

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve 7.2 warrants

John made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of approving 7.2 warrants as presented.

7.3 Quit Claim Deeds – Map 20, Lot 30

Map 17, Lot 11-007-00N

Map 7, Lot 39

Map 21, Lot 105

Map 18, Lot 120

Map 20, Lot 18

Carrie told the Board that these properties had all been either sold or their debts paid  
Just looking to do Quit Claim Deeds.

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to have Quit Claim Deeds done for the listed properties.

Ernie made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE: 5-0 to have Carrie do Quit Claim Deeds for properties in 7.3

**8. Board Discussion - Nothing**

**9. Manager Discussion – Plans and Specs on the website for the fire station, opening 9-2 at 1pm**

**10. Department Head Discussion**

Doris presented to the Board a new business in town that would take charge of the Farmer's Market, Event's by Dina has all required insurances. The Farmer's market will take place at The Gazebo on Thursday's from 4-6 pm

There will also be a Blood Drive August 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 at the town office

**11. Public Comment-**

John Benedetto asked if the town sent a letter to Hammond to retain their business/ no letter  
John also asked that the town check to see if there is a time frame the bridge would need to Built from the time the design was done.

**12. Executive Session – NONE**

**13. Adjourn Bruce made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn.**

**John made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.**

VOTE: 5-0 to adjourn at 6:33pm

Respectfully submitted by: Doris Austin, Town Clerk