

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Select Board

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MINUTES

Select Board Meeting
December 18, 2025
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:00 pm

Present: Bruce Peary, Ernie Souther, Will Kenniston, Jeff Bryant, John Barbioni

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Hearings** - The public hearing was opened at 6:00pm. Will Kenniston asked if all criteria for relicensing had been met. Will Kenniston questioned renewal application date being more than 5 months beyond expiration date. MEND owner stated they would scan and email copy of state license to CEO. Jim Long questioned if there has been any break-ins or police presence associated with the store. Owners stated they did have one break-in and it was unknown if the suspect had been caught. Owners are in transition to being sole owner, but management has changed. Public Hearing was closed at 6:09.
4. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - 4.1 November 5, 2025
A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the minutes as presented; second by Bruce Peary. Vote: 5-0-0
 - 4.2 November 18, 2025: Ernie Souther stated under board discussion he brought up the swap shop at the Transfer station and Will Kenniston suggested the free dump day.
A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the minutes as amended; second by Ernie Souther. Vote: 5-0-0
5. **Old business**
6. **New Business:**
 - 6.1 Summer Recreation Presentation: Emma DiPompo and Jared Berry presented an update of the 2025 summer rec program. They had excellent, consistent attendance and they felt they made good hires utilizing last year's volunteers. They program consisted of six weeks and an average of five trips per age group. This next year they will put the daily schedule on the calendar as there was some confusion this summer. Emma explained the program's tee shirts that are used on field trips for identifying their kids. They discussed their cell phone protocol and the need for them to be without their phones so they are engaged. They explained the day to day set-up of activities. Lunch was again provided by the school with a hot lunch four days per week plus a choice of wraps; packed lunches for longer field trips. There were options for kids to do inside activities when it was too hot/raining. Kim Cote provided arts every day with there being a unique craft activity every day. The culmination of the program is the talent show. Numbers for this year were: Livermore Falls 43, Livermore 24, and Jay 79, with 5 out of town kids. Jared and Emma were asked what their favorite parts of the program were. They stated that the kids enjoyed going to French Falls; Emma's favorite was sprinkler activities with the littles; Jared was anything outside with the groups.

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6.2 Pole Permit: A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the pole permit application as presented; second by Bruce Peary. Vote: 5-0-0.

6.3 MEND license renewal: Will Kenniston moved to approve the license renewal provided the information be presented to the CEO; second by Bruce Peary. Vote: 5-0-0

6.4 Carryovers:

Public Works: \$35,000: A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the carry over of \$35,000 to be placed in the public works reserve account; second by Jeff Bryant. Vote: 5-0-0

Public Safety: \$45,000: A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the carry over of \$45,000 to be placed in the police department reserve account; second by Bruce Peary. Vote: 5-0-0

6.5 FY 2027 Budget Timeline: Ernie questioned who was up for re-election, A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve the timeline with researching and changing the select board names/seats; seconded by ??????????. Vote: 5-0-0

6.6 2026 Select Board Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve as presented; second by John Barbioni. Vote: 5-0-0

6.7 2026 Holiday Closures: A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve as presented; second by Bruce Peary. Vote: 5-0-0

6.8 2026 Fee Schedule: CEO Bryce Cobb presented proposed fee schedule amendments to the Solar, Marijuana and CEO and Site plan review fees. He stated the medical cannabis business in town have a very concentration of businesses relative to town size. State statute allows for fees to be set to recover costs of oversight; we are not doing this and it is being borne by the taxpayer. Bryce presented three options for increased fee structure. He further stated that enough time has not previously been spent on the cannabis businesses in town for inspections and follow-up. Bryce was asked how much time he invests on these businesses, application/renewal.

Ernie Souther moved to table the marijuana fee schedule to find out Wilton, Turner, Manchester fees are; seconded by Bruce Peary. Vote: 4-1-0

Bryce Cobb explained that the proposed solar fee structure adjustments are directed toward bigger projects. Will stated it all comes down to the hours invested by staff and questioned if are we over-regulating. Projects are multimillion dollar projects and fee is a small fraction of their investment. We should have something offsetting the taxpayer burden for code enforcement time and effort in their application process.

Will Kenniston moved to table the solar and CEO fee schedules to next meeting; seconded by John Barbioni. Vote: 5-0-0

6.9 Engine 1 Disposal: A motion was made by Ernie Souther to put Engine 1 out to bid, if no bid are received that meet expectations on market value to take it to a salvage yard; seconded by Jeff Bryant. Vote 4-1-0

7. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

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7.1 Payroll Warrant: #51 \$42,537.94 Will; Ernie 5-0-0

7.2 General Fund Warrant: #25 \$5,119.80, #26 \$364,573.12

A motion was made by Will; Ernie. 5-0-0

7.3 Abatements, Quit Claim Deeds, Supplements:

A motion was made by Will to approve the abatement in the amount of \$48,943.82; second by Bruce. 5-0-0

A motion was made by Will to approve the abatement in the amount of \$2,089.79; second by Ernie. 5-0-0

7.1 Payroll Warrant: #47 \$26,971.33, #48 \$28,816.10, #49 \$31,273.28, #50 \$34,040.90

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve as presented; seconded by Ernie Souther. Vote 5-0-0

7.2 General Fund Warrant: #21 \$41,015.68, Pay Rec #69 \$54,813.29, #24 \$163,649.61

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve as presented; seconded by Ernie Souther. Vote 5-0-0

7.3 Abatements, Quit Claim Deeds, Supplements:

RE 1065, RE 729, PP 63, Sewer 380: \$48,943.82 (tax foreclosed property)

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve as presented; seconded by **Ernie Souther**. Vote 5-0-0

RE 1301: \$2,089.79 (valuation adjustment)

A motion was made by Will Kenniston to approve as presented; seconded by **Ernie Souther**. Vote 5-0-0

8. Board Discussion

Ernie Souther asked if there has there been action taken on the swap shop at the transfer station.

Will Kenniston wanted to thank Chief Haroon for the good job the PD is doing.

John Barbioni wished everyone a good holiday.

9. Manager Discussion

Carrie Castonguay reported that the windows purchased with the \$75000 CRP grant are finally here and being installed.

Carrie Castonguay received notice that the HMPG Grant for the Norris Bridge Engineering was approve and she needed the go ahead to sign the contract with Maine EMA. Will Kenniston moved to accept the grant; second by Ernie Souther. Vote: 5-0-0

10. Department Head Discussion

Bryce Cobb reminded everyone there is a planning board meeting tomorrow night.

11. Public Comment

Sharon Bailey asked for copies of the budget timeline and select board meeting schedule.

Bryce Bilodeau asked if the budget timeline would be posted online.

12. Executive Session

13. Adjourn Bruce Peary moved to adjourn at 7:14 pm; seconded by Jeff Bryant. Vote: 5-0-0