

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Select Board

William Kenniston – Chair
Jim Long – Vic Chair
John Barbioni

Bruce Peary
Jeffrey Bryant

Select Board Meeting
July 2, 2024
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 pm

1. Call meeting to order

Will called meeting to order at 6:29

Will took a moment to recognize Trudy Bishop who has recently passed away, Trudy has been a ballot clerk for several years and has also served on town committees in the past.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Hearing

No public hearing

4. Approval of the Minutes

4.1 Minutes of June 18, 2024

Will made the 1st motion to approve as written

Bruce made the 2nd

VOTE:4-0 in favor of accepting minutes of June 18th as written. (John was not present on 6-18)

4.2 Minutes of June 28, 2024

Jim made 1st motion to approve minutes as written

Jeff made 2nd motion.

VOTE:3-0 in favor of approving minutes as written. (Bruce and Will not present for meeting)

5. Old business:

6. New Business:

6.1 Non-union employees COLA

Carrie told the Board that 3% is what was budgeted for the raises and that the increase that 3.2% was what the feds were recommending for actual inflation. Jim said the feds have committed To reducing it down to 2%.

Jim made the 1st motion to give the non-union employees a 3% cost of living raise effective July 1st and this excludes the town manager.

Will made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of a 3% cost of living raise to non-union employees excluding town manager effective July 1st.

6.2 BOD Incubator – Sewer Department

Mark told the Board that the plant is in need of a new incubator because the one they have is on it's Last leg and they cannot go without one. Mark is asking for up to \$6,500.00 to cover that cost.

Mark told the Board there are several options and the prices range from \$3,500.00 to \$6,500.00

And with the price differences they come with different warranties so need to do some research

To see what would be best for the plant. If this is voted for here in Livermore Falls then it

Will be brought to Jay Board and the money would be from the joint reserve account.

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6.3 Basketball Court Resurfacing

Carrie told the Board that the resurfacing of the basketball court was approved by the voters At the 2019 town meeting and that it was just never followed up on.

Jim wants Carrie to check into it and that it is his goal to have the courts resurfaced.

Jim told the Board that the money is there.

Bruce said he sees kids going down there all the time with balls and thinks it would be good.

Will made the 1st motion to have Town Manager move forward with getting quotes

For the resurfacing and painting of the basketball courts.

7. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

7.1 Payroll Warrant #25 \$23,389.47, #26 \$49,906.23

7.2 General Fund Warrant #69 \$67,811.00, #70 \$50.00, #71 \$10,688.91

7.3 Sewer Treatment #201 \$8,547.12

7.4 Sewer #202 \$4,196.38

7.5 Sludge #200 \$4,382.32

7.6 O & M #192 \$19,026.38

7.7 Payment Requisition #52 \$246,985.26, \$147.00

Abatement – NONE

Supplement – NONE

Jim made it known that 7.6 and 7.7 had been previously approved and no action should be taken.

Jim made the 1st motion to approve warrants 7.1 through 7.5 as presented.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of approving warrants 7.1 through 7.5 as presented.

8. Board Discussion

Will reminded everyone about the parade on July 3rd.

9. Department Reports

Doris asked the Board if the 3% COLA included the longevity raise that was to be given to the Office staff at 3 years of service.

Jim absolutely does not support the longevity raise; he said the raise is 3%.

Will said he doesn't know enough about it and asked if a decision had to be made tonight.

Carrie told the Board that it is like the one that was done for union employees and is up to The Board if they were to choose to give the raise to non-union employees.

Although Will started to make the motion the motion was stopped and Carrie

Will check Roberts Rules of Order to see if the longevity raise can be brought back up.

10. Town Manager Report

Carrie wanted to introduce the Board to Pam Harnden, our new reporter from Sunjournal And the Livermore falls advertiser, and that Donna will be covering Wilton now.

Carrie told the Board that last week she submitted the 3 million dollar grant application to DOT.

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This will be read at the local office and the turnaround is 4-6 weeks so we should hear something before the end of summer. Hopefully they take into consideration that this also affects their job.

Parade tomorrow starts at 5pm at Memco and ends at the start of Depot St.

Fireworks at dusk on July 3rd starting at dusk.

New town office has started this week, which are 7:30am -5:30pm., We had 4 people Monday Morning before 8:30 and today we had someone here at 7:45am. The new hours seem to be very well received.

July 1st is the day that we will start receiving the 3% back from Androscoggin Bank.

Looking for a new Animal Control Officer. Ken is overwhelmed with calls, and it is taking up so much of his time.

Transfer station stickers are in, please stop at the office to get your new sticker

Plymouth engineering said that they will have plans back to her by July 12th.

Carrie heard back from FEMA for the truck grant sent to them earlier this year. it is in the Review process and hoping to hear from them in August. This grant is just over \$856,000.00

Carrie talked with DOT last week and was told they are extending the paving down to Cargill Street. They will be doing a shim and this will hopefully get us by until they do a mill and fill in 2028

11. Public Comment

No public comment

12. Executive Session

No executive session.

13. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by:
Doris Austin, Town Clerk