

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2024
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:30 pm

1. Call meeting to order

Will called meeting to order at 6:30

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Hearing

3.1 Liquor License Application – Stevie J's

Will opened the floor for questions and comments.

Bruce asked about the roped off area as he doesn't think that is much of a deterrent to keeping people within the designated area.

Derek said that he will have signage and security cameras in place, he also believes that with the police station being right there that would be a good deterrent also.

Derek told the Board there will be a serving station outside so there will be someone out there.

Drinks will only be served from outside, not through the front or side windows.

John asked about restrooms, Derek said there is a porta potty down by the gazebo.

Will declared public hearing closed at 6:40pm

4. Approval of the Minutes

4.1 Minutes of July 2, 2024

Jim made the 1st motion to approve as written

Will made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 4-0

5. Old business:

5.1 Basketball court resurfacing

Carrie told the board that she brought up the warrant article from 2019 and sent it to MMA legal and their recommendation is that we do not use funds that were voted on from another fiscal year.

Will, so we are looking at getting more quotes? Carrie has told the Board that she has reached

Out to 3 or 4 companies for the quotes of rebuilding the courts but has not heard back from them.

Will said we will keep it on old business then.

Jim asked Carrie if we could get this ready for November election, Carrie said timing

Could be an issue, they decided April Town Warrant Meeting would work better.

And it will be part of the budget process.

6. New Business:

6.1 Liquor License Approval – Stevie J's

Bruce made the 1st motion to approve the liquor license for Stevie J's, all documentation seems to here and to be in order.

John made the 2nd motion

VOTE: 4-0 in favor of approving the liquor license for Stevie J's.

Jim asked when would this become operational, Derek told the Board that he still needs to go through the state process and get the posts up, Hopefully by the end of the season everything will be in place.

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6.2 Mend Marijuana License Renewal

Carrie told the Board everything is in order and pretty straight forward, everyone has signed off on it and there has not been any complaints.

Will made the 1st motion to approve the license renewal for Mend.

Bruce made the 2nd motion.

Vote: 4-0 in favor of approving the renewal license for Mend.

6.3 Truck Bid Award

Bill told the Board that he reached out to 5 manufacturers and has heard back from 4 and Received 2 quotes back but has not had a chance to go through them yet but should have all the Questions answered by the next meeting.

This is for the wheeler plow truck to replace the 2009, and next year we will raise the funds For plow gear.

This is for information only tonight.

6.4 MMA – Legislative Policy Committee Nomination

2 people asking to be nominated to the Legislative Policy Committee, Sharon Siegel who is The town clerk from Wales and John Beekman from Fayette who is a Select Board member who would be a write-in.

Jim made the 1st motion to vote for Sharon Siegel from Wales and John Beekman from Fayette To the Legislative Policy Committee.

Will made the 2nd motion

VOTE: 4-0 in favor of Sharon Siegel and John Beekman being nominated to the Legislative Policy Committee.

6.5 Zach Gosselin – Community Resilience Partnership

Zach is the sustainability coordinator for Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments And he works on environmental and resiliency planning at AVCOG.

Zach and Carrie have been talking and he would like the opportunity to continue working with her and hopefully bring some grant money to Livermore Falls, the potential is up to \$50,000 and it is not grant money that needs to have a matched amount.

Will asked if there is any risk to the town or obligations that need to be filled, Zach told the Board there is no strings or risks and that he will help write the grant applications.

Zach said he is more than willing to help with the writing of the grants that can be used Towards helping with climate control such as new windows or heat pumps and there is Quarterly reporting that he will help with.

In the last 2 rounds of grant funding there were 9 applications approved.

7. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

7.1 Payroll Warrant #

7.2 General Fund Warrant #

7.3 Sewer Treatment #245 \$7,881.66

7.4 Sewer #246 \$8,603.39

7.5 Sludge #

7.6 O & M #214 \$17,095.90

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7.7 Payment Requisition #53 \$218,286.93
Abatement – NONE
Supplement – NONE

Jim made the 1st motion to approve warrants 7.3 through 7.7
Will made the 2nd motion.
VOTE: 4-0 in favor of approving warrants 7.3 through 7.7.

8. Board Discussion

Will, would like to recognize Nixon Ortiz for his promotion to Captain on the Fire Department.
Jim asked Carrie how the audit was coming, she said it's coming.

Jim asked Carrie, when do you anticipate we will be voting on the tax commitment?
Carrie is hoping for the first week of September, assessors' office had someone here from there office doing field work, follow from the building permits and construction to get those numbers in the system. Carrie also told the Board that they will start the town revaluation later this year and have it completed in 2025. Jim asked about the factoring they had talked about earlier that would help with the taxes and Carrie told the Board that Paul looked at it and the numbers didn't really work and that He felt it would cause a lot of angst among the residents and so O'Donnell and associates moved us up for the reval.

9. Department Reports

Jim asked about the Fire Department Car wash turned out, Carrie did not have that information.
Bill told the Board the Spencer Group will be in town tomorrow paving Gagnon, Cargill, Searles and Vine streets and then next week will be doing surface on sidewalks on Searles and Vine St. and then We can go and start doing the dressing up of the backside of the sidewalks and clean up the lawns

Chief Harron told the Board that he has been working with the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) to review contracts and hopes to have that back soon to Town Manager for review.

The community has been busy; call volume has increased.

Started a new face book page and invited the Board to join.

Doing good things in the community, did active shooter training with Camp Goodnews.

The police department worked with the Memorial and July 4th parades as well as fireworks.

There was a big community event in East Livermore that we were happy to be a part of.

From a staffing aspect we currently have 3 in background and then there is several steps

Before having them ready to be a police officer.

Chief told the Board that he received his waiver on July 12th so now he is a Maine Police Officer.

With the full powers to arrest.

Chief told the Board that he would be going to Vassalboro for an event to talk to individual who Are interested in law enforcement.

Chief told the Board that he has been busy with grants. He has gotten a grant for new badges Which run between \$183 and \$212 each.

We will also be receiving a grant that covers 50% of vests which are needed and costs \$880.

We have received grants to cover the costs of new computers in the cruisers.

Working hard to make the department a great place to be a part of.

Will thanked Chief for the tour, Chief said they are very close to opening the lobby to the public.

Chief also said he is working with the manager on digital phone systems, looking at cost

Savings and bringing us to the modern age, also looking at internet systems and costs that covers

The whole building with a designated fiber line.

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Doris reported that Central Maine Power was here on the 9th for the community to talk to them About their Services or bill information, how to read the bills and what to ask about the bills. Healthy Coalition comes here the 2nd Tuesday of the month, they can talk to the residents about Health care and resources. Come get your blood pressure checked.

10. Town Manager Report

Carrie didn't have anything to share.

11. Public Comment

No public comment.

12. Executive Session

No executive session.

13. Adjourn

Bruce made the 1st motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jim made the 2nd motion.

VOTE: 4-0 in favor of adjourning at 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Doris Austin, Town Clerk

