

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Select Board

William Kenniston
John Benedetto
Ernie Souther

Bruce Peary
Jeffrey Bryant

Select Board Meeting
May 19, 2026
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order

Ernie called meeting to order at 6pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment to agenda

No adjustments

4. Public Hearings

No public hearing

5. Approval of the Minutes

5.1 May 5, 2026

Bruce says #3 says Bruce moves to cease nominations and Will made 2, should say Will seconded the motion.

#4 says Ernie seconded the nomination and should say motion

Will made the 1st motion to approve the minutes with the stated corrections

Ernie made 2nd

Vote 4-0 to approve minutes with the stated corrections.

Jeff was absent

6. Old business

6.1 Legal Services

Carrie presented to the Board the proposals

from Drummand Woodsum \$300-400 per hour project based private based.

Bern Stein Shur would be \$330 per hour except for labor and \$430 per hour for specialty based.

John Benedetto did research and Bern Stein Shur and feels they are familiar with municipal.

John made 1st motion to go with Bern Stein Shur for Legal representation.

Will made 2nd motion.

VOTE:4-0 to move forward with Bern stein and Shore for legal services

6.2 Norris Bridge Engineering Bids

May 8,2024 received letter of bad bridge, inspection January 2025 and has deteriorated more this bridge is rated a 4 which means some action should be taken for replacement

Bill said the bridge was built in the 60's and went down with FEMA and for inspection and perfect example to apply for grant

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Will says \$15,000 already allocated for this project and Carrie said that is the match for the FEMA \$67,000 grant which is a 25% match

Minor bridge to span

John says 28 houses on the loop is this a redundancy and low impact
Bridge posted for weight and possible limit use of road

to go forward with engineering with
\$73950 is acorn total \$6500 over what we have \$63277
CMA bid was \$98800
Bruce 1st motion to approve with box culvert
Ernie 2nd
VOTE: 3-1 to go with SME and a box culvert

Sewer Department Joint Reserve Request – lawn mower
Going forward with what was requested- there will be a grievance filed with union
Mark is looking for a zero turn mower for efficiency
John said push mower would be quicker, and more efficient
Bruce comparing apples to oranges and grapefruits, wasting time, we depend on the treatment supervisor and his integrity to
Bruce 1st to approve the purchase of zero turn for up to \$4000
Will made 2nd
VOTE: 2-2 for zero turn

6.4 Sewer Split Rate

Jay and Livermore Falls approve this every year and will become effective July 1,26 to June 30,27
Jay 50.7%
Livermore falls 49.3%
Treasurer 8% increase it to 10% because more time spent on billing

Jay has approved this split rate on May 11,2026 at board meeting
Bruce to approve as split rate as presented
Ernie 2nd
VOTE: 4-0 to approve split rate as presented

7. New Business

7.1 Select Board town email addresses
8.99 per email address per month x5 board members
Bruce 1st to table until budget discussions
Ernie suggested if it happens it gets taken out of stipend

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7.2 Quarterly board action items

John would like to meet 4 times a year to discuss projects and ongoing issues

Take preemptive actions and be get ahead of these issues

Ernie recommendation table until 2 meetings from now

John made 2nd

VOTE:3-0 in favor of Tabeling –Bruce stepped out

7.3 Municipal resolution for banking services

Carrie is asking the board to start accounts at Franklin savings for CD's

From the joint account

Ernie made 1st to approve Town Manager to make municipal resolution for banking services

Will made 2nd

Vote: 4-0 in favor of town manager handling municipal resolution

7.4 Yearly Appointments

Bruce made 1st motion of approving yearly appointments as presented

Ernie made 2nd

Vote: 4-0 in favor of appointments presented

7.5 Stipends

Carrie gave list of present and requested amounts of stipends

Cellphone should say 420 not 35

Ernie asked about the fire department's clarification

Suggested across the board they go up \$1000

Doesn't think we should go above state averages

Ernie 1st to raise fire department by \$750 per year

No 2nd

Bruce 1st to increase fire department stipend \$750

Will 2nd

VOTE: 4-0 in favor of increasing by \$750 per year for fire department personnel

Ernie address building and transfer station stipend-

3 predecessors did it without extra money

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There is also 4 extra hours per week being paid to the individual.

Ernie made 1st to lower to \$5000 per year

Bill said the 4 hours is for highway after hours

Bill said if stipend is cut then take it all

No 2nd motion

Will makes 1st motion to approve remaining stipends as presented

Bruce made 2nd motion

Vote 3-1 in favor to approve the rest of stipends

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7.6 Foundry Road Weight Limit Posting
Bill and Carrie are trying to get ahead of problems at construction detours
Safety around the tanks, no big trucks and no buses
Mark would like some restrictions on weight restrictions like the septic haulers and deliveries

Bruce 1st to approve weight limit signage for the Foundry Road
John 2nd
VOTE: 4-0 in favor of posting the road for weight

7.7 Planning Board Appointments
3 appointments expiring and the applications are in the boards packets

Bylaws do not permit family as chair and vice chair
Will to approve Tom Barker, Carol Barker and Brian Blanchard to the Planning Board
Bruce
VOTE: 4-0 to approve appointments of Tom, Carol and Brian to the Planning Board

7.8 Paving RFP
Bill is asking to send out RFP Looking for upper Moose hill Rd approximately 7300 feet

Ernie made 1st motion to approve Bill's request to send out RFP's
Bruce made 2nd motion
VOTE; 4-0 in favor of bill sending out RFP's

8. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

8.1 Payroll Warrant: #18 \$28,040.92, #19 \$31,113.31

Ernie made 1st
Bruce made 2nd
VOTE: 4-0 in favor of approving as read

8.2 General Fund Warrant: #49 \$93,767.13, #50 \$438.50, #51 \$245,186.02, #53 \$2,457.87,
#55 \$393,208.96, Pay Req. #75 \$81,577.04, Pay Req #76 \$48,951.95

Ernie 1st to approve as read
Bruce made 2nd motion
VOTE:: 4-0 in favor of approving the warrants as read

8.3 Abatements, Quit Claim Deeds, Supplements
No abatements

9. Board Discussion

John asked if we could get signage from DOT for trucks to go north on route 4 and not go water st.
Or route 133, we can send requests out to google to update the routes.

John asked about audit on website, Carrie reported it is already there

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10. Manager Discussion

Sewer rate workshop the 27th at 6pm

Tri town rec committee- got permission to clean up around gazebo, Working on logo for rec committee also looking for clear view of river from Gazebo

11. Department Head Discussion

Absentee ballots available until June 4th 5pm and elections June 9,26

Summer rec sign-ups for 1 more week

Blood drive June 29 from 9-4pm

History night Friday here at the town office with bike safety and food trucks and reminder Water St will be closed

Memorial Day May 25th starting at Memco and ending at Union Park.

Doris told the Board that the community garden is planted with the help from Main-Land.

Looking to form committee for the garden.

Will asked about having the school put it out on the weekly phone call about the rec deadline.

12. Public Comment

13. Executive Session

14. Adjourn

Bruce made 1st motion to adjourn

Ernie made 2nd motion

VOTE: 4-0 in favor of adjourning at 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Doris Austin, Town Clerk