

January 30, 2023

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding (arrived late), Lee Ann Dalessandro, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager; Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Andre Cormier (Mt. Blue TV), Adrienne Foss (Daily Bulldog), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent)

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 4:00 p.m. -Tim led the pledge.

2. Minutes – January 9, 2023 – M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to approve the Selectboard minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting. Vote 4-0-0.

3. Old Business – No discussion.

4. Sewer Abatement – Debra Therrien – Mark recommends an abatement for Debra Therrien because her winter quarter water reading was more than 20% higher than the average of the previous three quarters. M/M/S Lee Ann/Gary to approve a sewer abatement of \$161.50 for Debra Therrien at 2 Barker Street. Vote 4-0-0.

5. LF Sewer Update & Joint Reserve Account Request – Utility Truck – Mark is requesting approval to spend \$10,000 from the joint reserve account for replacement of the 2005 GMC truck that the plant currently has. The truck is in need of expensive repairs. The Livermore Falls Fire Department has a utility truck that they are willing to sell to the Sewer Department. Funds from the sale of the 2005 truck will go back to the joint reserve account. M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to approve spending \$10,000 from the joint reserve account for the purchase of a truck from L.F.F.D pending approval from Livermore Falls Selectboard. Vote 4-1-0 (Tom opposed)

Mark gave the Selectboard an update on the LFWWTF upgrade. Mark had given a packet to each of the Selectboard members prior to the meeting. Mark said that Shiloh and Alex had gotten applications ready and sent in. We will be applying through SRF this year for additional funds with principal forgiveness.

6. Community Concepts Inc. Head Start Lease – The lease for the Head Start building will expire February 28, 2023. Community Concepts would like to renew the lease and has not proposed any changes to the lease. The current monthly rental is \$825. Currently the tenant is responsible for all utilities, maintenance, improvements, etc. The only thing the town covers is plowing. M/M/S Terry/Tom to discontinue plowing for the Head Start going into the new lease. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed). M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to renew the lease for the Head Start building with Community Concepts with monthly rental amounts of \$825 for the first year, \$850 for the second year and \$875 for the third year with 2 optional one-year extensions adding \$25 to the monthly rental per year. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed).

7. Follow up on Chaga Presentation – Terry said that, with everything going on right now with the mill, he doesn't think it is the time to consider investing town money in this. Tom, Lee Ann and Tim voiced agreement.

8. Fire Department – Mutual Aid with Livermore Falls – Shiloh spoke with Mark Chretien, Chair of the Livermore Board and he indicated that they were ok with using the draft agreement that was originally provided to the Boards in December and did not need to have anything further drafted up. The Jay Selectboard already approved the rates but thought that Livermore was going to propose another document. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the agreement as drafted for mutual aid with Livermore Falls through March 1st. Vote 5-0-0.

9. Other Business – Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

M/M/S Tim/Tom to adjourn at 4:22 pm. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York