

TOWN OF LEMPSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved Minutes
Work Session
November 14, 2017

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Sauer, Selectman Mary Grenier, Selectman Everett Thurber and Ingrid Bjork, Administrative Assistant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino, Ernest Perry, Scott Goodspeed, Peter Blythe and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Callahan.

Chairman Sauer called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 1: Highway Department

The Selectmen met with the Highway Department and discussed the importance of working together and wants the Highway Supervisor to mix up the two man teams. Selectman Grenier discussed maintenance duties and mowing which also falls under the duties of the Highway Department.

The Selectmen and Highway personnel discussed the condition of their trucks. Mr. Blythe said that the transmission is louder than it should be on the 1999 truck that he drives. Mr. Goodspeed said that the 1996 10 wheeler body is rusting out and does not believe any more money should be put into it. Mr. Perry said that the 2004 truck runs rough.

Mr. Simino recommended replacing the 10 wheeler. He looked into the cost of a new truck and found it to be approximately \$176,000. He said he believes he could get a trade in value of \$25,000 for the old truck. The Selectmen will take the information under advisement but would like Mr. Simino to get actual quotes in writing.

Chairman Sauer said that he would like to limit Fridays and Mondays off to only 3 during the summer per person. Selectman Grenier disagreed and said she believes if the employee has earned the time they should be able to take it when they want. The Selectmen agreed they will discuss this further before a decision is made.

Chairman Sauer said that he wants the schedule and Selectmen's orders to be followed. The dam still needs to have its repairs as well as the pavilion at Long Pond. The Selectmen said they will be reviewing future machine rentals and subcontractors.

Selectman Thurber asked Mr. Simino to remove the rock sticking out at the boat launch.

Agenda Item 2: Proposed Budgets for 2018

The Selectmen reviewed the present budget and agreed to propose the following budgets for 2018:

- Government Buildings - \$16,000 level funded.
- Executive Budget - \$82,715 increase from \$78,715
- Employee Benefits - \$212,150 decrease from \$213,450

The Selectmen reviewed the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors recommendations for her 2018 budget. The Selectmen are waiting for the recommended Supervisors of the Checklist proposed budget before they could finalize the proposed Election and Registration budget.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the work session at 11:50 am. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant