

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes  
August 25, 2020

**PRESENT:** Chairman Phil Tirrell, Selectman Everett Thurber, Selectman Mary Grenier and Ingrid Bjork, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Andy Zmugg, Jonathan Wright, David Richards, Joe Moulton, Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino, Al McNeill, Health Officer Bob Porter, Cass Vanzi-Bania, Mark Simino, Pat McCabe, Eckhart Straeter, Karen Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Sharon Wallace, Ivan Wallace, and Kimberly Gillette.

Chairman Tirrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Agenda Item 1: Payroll and Accounts Payable**

The Selectmen reviewed and approved the payroll and accounts payable manifest.

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes of Past Meetings  
Work Session August 19, 2020**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Work Session held on August 19, 2020. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session held on August 19, 2020 as amended with a spelling correction. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Agenda Item 3: Old Business**

**Tucker Road -Jonathan Wright**

Mr. Wright, representative for Mr. Zmugg asked the Selectmen for permission to begin improving the class VI section of Tucker Road accessing Mr. Zmugg's property and to sign an agreement, release and acknowledgement of non-liability regarding building permit for class VI Highway. Chairman Tirrell said that his request for building on a class VI road would also go to the Planning Board for review, but that the Selectmen had the final approval. Mr. Zmugg and the Selectmen signed the agreement. Chairman Tirrell said that they would register the agreement at the registry of deeds after the meeting with the Planning Board.

Selectman Thurber made a motion to allow Mr. Zmugg to begin improving the class VI section of Tucker Road that accesses his property. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant**

Chairman Tirrell said he received a message this evening with an updated quote from JP Trucking. It was higher than the original so it will need to be verified.

**Long Pond Turn-Around**

Chairman Tirrell said that he expects to speak with Mr. Timpino and the sisters next week. Mr. Richards asked Chairman Tirrell to consider the length of the ladder truck when discussing the turnaround.

**Agenda Item 4: New Business**

## **Health Officer Bob Porter**

Mr. Porter asked if they could have a nonpublic session due to the sensitivity of the issue. The Selectmen agreed they would go into non-public session near the end of the meeting for RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation,

**Highway Department** – Mr. Simino gave a verbal report this evening:

- Lovejoy Road grinding will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Paving on School Road and sections of Grandview Road will begin on Thursday.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to crush an additional 4000 yards of gravel. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Simino said that he will look at the truck this weekend while he is in the area and if he believes it is a good option Chairman Tirrell and Selectman Thurber will arrange to look at it on Monday. Chairman Tirrell will ask Ron Clark to go with them for his mechanical opinion.

## **Mark Simino-Lovejoy Road**

Mr. Simino said that he could do the tree cutting on Lovejoy Road for half the price if he can do it in the spring when it is slower. The Selectmen asked Mr. Simino to make out a new contract and would do the work between March and the end of May.

## **Fire, Forestry and Rescue Departments**

Fire Chief Thomas was not available this evening. Chairman Tirrell said that Chief Thomas received three quotes for paving an area of the Fire Station. No decision was made at this time.

The Selectmen received a request from the Fire Department to purchase five batteries for a cost estimate of \$850 with core charge. Selectman Thurber made a motion to allow the Fire Department to spend up to \$850 to purchase the five batteries. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **Public Participation**

Supervisor of the Checklist Sharron Wallace requested a mandate to wear masks in the Meeting House for Election Day. She discussed having the Town Clerk offer absentee ballots for those who cannot wear or refuse to wear a mask. She said that the Town Clerk has offered to go outside and meet with them during the election for the absentee ballot process.

Mr. McNeill said the State has not mandated a mask be worn at election.

Chairman Tirrell said that perhaps they could set up a tent outside for those who do not want to wear a mask. Ms. Wallace discussed her concern that this would be considered a satellite location that would involve more requirements that they may not be able to handle.

Chairman Tirrell said they will support the Town Clerk and Supervisors of the Checklist's decision.

Mr. Wallace asked if Lempster will recycle paper again. Mr. Simino discussed the process and although they don't know when, at some point they will try again.

Ms. McCabe expressed her concern about speeding on Lempster Street. Chairman Tirrell said he will ask the Sheriff to patrol that area.

Ms. Vanzi-Bania said that she is one of fourteen solar panel owners who were assessed this year on their solar panels and is upset that the panels are assessed at \$600 each. She said that wattage and depreciation should be considered. Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. Straeter, Ms. Flynn also

expressed their frustration. The Town of Lempster is having a revaluation this year and Avitar is holding appointments for landowners to discuss their new assessments.

Selectman Grenier said that the Selectmen will be looking at a possible solar exemption for home owners next year. This year they would have to file an abatement after their December billing. Ms. Vanzi-Bania will come to the town office tomorrow to get more information.

Ms. Gillette asked if any decision has been made on the proposed ATV trails. Chairman Tirrell said no decision has been made at this time.

### **Administration and Correspondence**

- Cemetery plot deed Lot 9C, Row A
- Pistol Permit - 1
- Aries Engineering work scope and budget estimate for the old landfill.
- Federal Cares Act for election grant information

The Selectmen agreed to designate signing authority on their behalf to the Town Clerk Linda Callahan for certification and submission of the Federal Cares Act election grant.

### **Miscellaneous**

Chairman Tirrell made a motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) reputation at 8:00 PM. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session: Chairman Tirrell - Yes, Selectman Thurber - Yes, Selectman Grenier - Yes

Selectman Grenier made a motion to leave the nonpublic session and return to the public session at 8:15 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Tirrell made a motion to seal the minutes. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor Roll Call vote to seal the minutes: Chairman Tirrell – Yes, Selectman Thurber – Yes, Selectman Grenier – Yes.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Bjork  
Administrative Assistant