

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
Work Session
December 23, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Chairman Tirrell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Agenda Item 1: Accounts Payable and Payroll

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

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes of Past Meetings
Selectmen's Meeting December 8, 2020**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on December 8, 2020. Selectman Thurber made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Budget 2021

The Selectmen reviewed the proposed budget of 2021. Additional warrant articles to be written are a Highway grader CIP (\$30,000), Planning Board Professional Assistance Contingency CIP (\$5000) and Town Clerk/Tax Collector warrant article for increased hours and benefits. The Selectmen discussed a solar exemption warrant article and a possible warrant article for a pickup truck with dump body for the Highway Department.

Agenda Item 4: Highway Department

The Selectmen discussed hiring a temporary employee/contractor to help the Highway Department when they are down a man. They will continue the discussion at the next work session.

The salt shed still needs to be built, will hire out a contractor in the spring.

Agenda Item 5: Administrative and Correspondence

Chairman Tirrell said that he has submitted a list of first responders to the State for the Covid 19 vaccine.

Agenda Item 6: Miscellaneous

Carry Overs – Chairman Tirrell made a motion to carry over \$1,443.61 for Old Home Day. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Selectmen called a concerned home owner that was having issues with his contractor. The home owner had contacted Selectman Thurber earlier who said he would need to speak to the Board of Selectmen. The home owner discussed how he purchased a house that had many problems, furnace, plumbing, heating and mold. He said he put in over \$100,000 before the closing and discovered additional issues. Selectman Thurber asked him if he had a home inspection before the closing and he said yes. The resident would like the Town to fine the contractor for not filing building permits for the repairs. He said he has spoken with the Town's building inspector. Chairman Tirrell said the Selectmen will need to speak with the building inspector for his perspective and will get back to him.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the work session at 10:55 AM. Chairman Tirrell seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant