

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes  
June 11, 2019

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Jon Thomas, Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino, Jim Richards, Barbara Richards, Chief Deputy Jamie Wilson, Rescue Captain Beth Clark-Moulton, Bruce Farnum and Debbie Farnum.

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  
Selectmen's Meeting May 28, 2019**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on May 28, 2019. Selectman Thurber made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting as presented. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Agenda Item 3: Old Business**

**Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant** – Chairman Tirrell said the project is moving forward.

**Long Pond Turn-Around** - Chairman Tirrell is still waiting for the individuals to return.

**Mountain Road Speed Limit** – Chairman Tirrell said that residents asked him about increasing the speed limit on Mountain Road. Chairman Tirrell asked Chief Deputy Wilson what information he had gathered regarding this matter.

Chief Deputy Wilson said that there has been 7 accidents during 2017 and 2018, mostly during bad weather from December through March. Chief Thomas asked if the accidents were on the flat or coming down the hill. Chief Deputy Wilson said he does not know but believes the majority were coming down the hill. He discussed the State statute and said he is waiting to hear back from DOT what information is needed in an engineering or traffic investigation. Chief Deputy Wilson said that the width of the road, sight distance and distance between driveways and roads need to also be taken into consideration.

Mr. Simino said that there is a concern on sight distances in certain areas such as South Road and Long Pond onto Mountain Road. Chairman Tirrell thanked Chief Deputy Wilson for his input and would still like to hear the information he receives about the procedure for change, but may or may not move forward.

Chairman Tirell asked Mr. Simino if he could clear some of the brush on the corner of South Road and Mountain Road and Long Pond Road and Mountain Road.

## **Agenda Item 4: New Business**

**Sheriff's Department** – Chief Deputy Wilson reported that there had been 98 calls since his last report approximately seven weeks ago. There were 17 motor vehicle stops, 8 directed patrols, 8 VIN checks, 2 Fraud cases (1 bad check, 1 credit card) 1 Restraining violation, Criminal mischief on Lempster Street, no known damage, domestic and mental health calls.

### **Highway Department**

Highway Supervisor Simino submitted a Highway Department report to the Selectmen. See attached.

Chairman Tirrell said that Mr. Goodspeed did a great job grading Long Pond Road.

Ms. Bjork said that Marie Pelletier has contacted her and said that Bar Harbor Bank has the loan documents for the Highway Plow truck ready to sign. She will send them to the Town office for signatures. She is aware of the scheduled Selectmen meetings.

Mr. Simino discussed the beaver problem on Lovejoy Road and Mill Road. The Lovejoy Road problem is on private property. Mr. Simino said that he has contacted the property owner.

Selectman Grenier said that Mr. Fulton will be submitting a proposal for winter sand.

### **Transfer Station**

Mr. Simino said that they are not separating plastic at the Transfer Station at this time because it costs more to recycle than throwing it in the compactor. Paper and cardboard being separated.

### **Public Participation**

Fire Chief Thomas said that he has been unable to attend the last few Selectmen meetings so he wanted to submit the Fire Department report to them this evening. See attached.

Chief Thomas asked permission to purchase a new computer with money from the Fire Department budget. The cost is \$1,500. Selectman Grenier made a motion to allow the Fire Department to purchase a new computer for the price up to \$1,500 from their budget. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chief Thomas said that Chairman Tirrell found a conex trailer that can be used as a storage shed. Chief Thomas requested permission to purchase the conex trailer for use as a storage shed. The amount is just under \$3,000. Selectman Grenier asked where the money for the purchase will come from. Chief Thomas said the money for the purchase will come from the Fire and Rescue Department budgets. The Selectmen approved the purchase.

Mr. Simino asked about the old water pump and if the Highway Department can have them for cleaning out culverts and washing bridges. Chief Thomas said that he will take a look at the old water pumps and will get back to Mr. Simino.

Rescue Captain Beth Clark-Moulton submitted the Rescue Department report to the Selectmen. See attached.

Mr. Farnum said that he is interested in the property located at 55 Charlestown Turnpike. Chairman Tirrell said that the Town will be looking at selling the property after next week.

Selectman Thurber asked Mr. Farnum what he planned to do with the property and he said he would like to clean up the property and build a retirement home. He would remove the existing homes. The Selectmen said they plan to contact the real estate agent.

Captain Clark-Moulton said that the ladies auxiliary would like to host a sip and paint party at the Fire Station on Friday, August 9th. This would involve a BYOB. A concern about insurance was discussed. Captain Clark-Moulton said she will get a copy of their insurance to the town office to send to Primex for their review.

### **Administration and Correspondence**

- Employee Time off Request approved.
- Tax Collector's Deed signed.
- Loon Preservation Committee letter received.
- Request for permission to hold a raffle to support St. Jude. Selectman Grenier made a motion to allow Mr. and Mrs. Onnela to hold a raffle with all proceeds going to St. Jude as long as they follow all State and Federal regulations and conclude the raffle by December 31, 2019. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. Chairman Tirrell and Selectman Grenier were in favor, Selectman Thurber opposed.
- Request to acquire sign at Tri State Recycling. Selectmen Thurber recommended selling it to the interested party for \$100 with them removing the sign. The Selectmen agreed.

### **Miscellaneous**

None.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Bjork  
Administrative Assistant