

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
November 12, 2019

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheriff John Simonds, Fire Chief Jon Thomas, Jim Richards, Joe Moulton, Rescue Captain Beth Clark Moulton and Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino

Selectman Thurber 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 October 16, 2019
Selectmen's Meeting October 22, 2019**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the work session held on October 16, 2019. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the work session October 16, 2019 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on October 22, 2019. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 22, 2019 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant – Easement deed has been registered.

Long Pond Turn-Around - No update.

Asbestos Testing - The asbestos testing has been completed by Aries engineering for the properties located at 902 Route 10 and 49 and 55 Charlestown Turnpike. No asbestos found at 902 Route 10 or 49 Charlestown Turnpike. Window calking at 55 Charlestown Turnpike did show asbestos. Waiting on additional quotes to remove windows.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Proposed 2020 Budgets

Sheriff's Department - \$49,519 down from 2019 budget of \$49,774

Fire Department - \$58,452 level funded

Rescue Department - \$18,850 increase from 2019 budget of \$17,952. To be reviewed after 2019 expenditures.

Forest Fire – \$6,650 level funded

Planning Board - \$15,000 level funded

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Simonds submitted the police report to the Selectmen. Calls are down since their last report.

Fire and Rescue Department

Fire Chief Jon Thomas submitted the Fire Department Report to the Selectmen. See attached.

Chief Thomas said that he is looking into a grant next year to purchase a containment and compressor for filling air tanks, the approximate cost is \$50,000.

Chief Thomas discussed the repair needed for corrosion on Ladder One, as well as paint repair and lighting upgrade. The cost estimate is \$21,889 for the corrosion and paint repair and \$10,000 for the lighting upgrade. This is planned for next year with the funds coming from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve.

Captain Beth Clark Moulton discussed upcoming training for EMTs and the increase in the cost of rescue supplies. Selectman Grenier said that she would like her to purchase needed supplies and training with balance of her budget this year.

Highway Department

Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino gave a verbal report this evening. He discussed the following:

- Trees down last storm and salt needed on Mountain Road.
- Patching done on Grandview Road. Plan to shim a section of Grandview Road next week.
- Highway Truck in Burlington. Got a flat while delivering it.
- Highway Garage door work has begun.
- Radio squealing. Chairman Tirrell recommended South West Radio Repair.
- Leaf Blower quote – Mr. Simino said that a large leaf blower was between 4 and 5 thousand dollars, small \$1,400 – \$1,600. Chairman Tirrell said he would like to wait for the final quotes before purchasing the leaf blower.
- Fuel pump gauge installed by Beardsley.
- Chipper will take 2 weeks for repair.
- Selectman Thurber asked Mr. Simino to empty the fuel tank on Lempster Street and 902 Route 10.
- No pavement saw quote yet.
- Sand and Salt Shed – Mr. Simino said that the sand and salt shed has not been put up yet due to the weather. Chairman Tirrell said to keep it on the list.

Chairman Tirrell discussed Lovejoy Road's washboard and that he would like it graded more frequently. Mr. Moulton discussed the culverts needing pavement or fill over them between Charlestown Turnpike and Lempster St.

Public Participation

Rescue Captain Beth Clark Moulton requested permission to use the Meeting House on December 15th from 4:30 – 6:30 pm for the Christmas Social. The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting it this year. The Selectmen approved.

Administration and Correspondence

- 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection planning services agreement signed by the Selectmen.
- Cemetery Plot Deed – Lot 27, Row B, Section B signed by the Selectmen.

- 2019 Equalization Data Certificate signed by the Selectmen.
- Abatement – 1 Map 222 Lot 023
- Land Use Change Tax Warrants – 3 Map 231 Lot 054, Map 215 Lot 023 and Map 232 Lot 012
- Proclamation request for school choice week. No action by the Selectmen.
- Notice of public hearing from the Town of Antrim for a wireless service tower.
- Margaret Kemp – Election site at the meeting house, concern that the door at the top of the ramp was difficult to open. Chairman Tirrell will contact Mr. Rodeschin regarding the door.
- CAI Technologies – GIS Internet Services annual maintenance agreement signed by the Selectmen.
- Health Trust – Insurance rates for 2020. The Selectmen agreed to keep the same insurance plan as 2019.
- Virginia Schendler – letter regarding work on Coach Road by landowner. Chairman Tirrell has visited the area. Owner has a waiver to build once road is widened 20 feet. Work has just begun but is not completed. Mrs. Richards will contact her.
- Crescent Lake Road complaint. Mr. Simino will repair pot hole once the road temperature is warm enough. No plan on paving.
- The Selectmen authorized Clean Harbors to sample the ash pile at 929 Route 10 and run the samples for lead, TCLP and PCB's for \$750.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Richards said the signs and posts are ready to be installed.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ingrid Bjork
 Administrative Assistant