

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORK SESSION  
January 27, 2021**

**Approved Minutes**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Phil Tirrell, Selectmen Mary Grenier, Everett Thurber and Edie Bednarczyk, Clerical Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Don Clifford, Eckhart Straeter and Linda Callahan (Town Clerk).

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

**Public Presentations:**

Don Clifford presented an update on the Town land (Johnson property) and the plans for next cuts. Checks for stumpage will be made payable to the Town of Lempster with the Cemetery Trust in the memo line.

Eckhart Straeter presented the Selectmen with information from other towns concerning solar exemptions, values, installation costs, and types and sizes of panels. He then discussed the possibility of raising the amount on the warrant being submitted this year and Selectman Tirrell said that the amount could be addressed at Town Meeting when the Warrant comes up for vote. Mr. Straeter asked about the possibility of depreciation being applied to the panels and the initial value of the panels on the assessment. Selectman Tirrell informed Mr. Straeter that these would both have to be addressed at the State Department of Revenue.

**Agenda Item 1: Highway Department**

Quotes for a new Highway Department truck were compared. The Ford was favored. A Warrant will need to be written for this. Selectman Grenier made a motion to take 20,000 out of the Highway CIP and finance the balance. Selectman Thurber seconded. All were in favor.

The Selectmen tabled the discussion on North Pitkin and Lovejoy Roads until Daryl can sit with them and create a list of what needs completing. Selectman Grenier made a motion to wait. Selectman Thurber seconded. All were in favor.

**Agenda Item 2: Website Update**

Edie Bednarczyk presented the Selectmen with the status of the website. The email addresses will be domain based and work will start on the new website with software provided by the current company hosting the site, Tidal Media. Ms. Bednarczyk is waiting for a quote for website security maintenance from Tidal.

**Agenda Item 3: Accounts Payable and Payroll**

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

**Agenda Item 4: Minutes of Past Meeting**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on January 12, 2021. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to have the Agenda posted on the website with "Subject to Change" added to the title and to have all minutes (Draft and Approved) posted within 2 days of a meeting. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Trustee of Trust Funds Bookkeeping**

Jodi Fulton has been appointed as a Trustee of Trust Funds. The Selectmen will be discussing compensation for a bookkeeper.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Administrative and Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

#### **Agenda Item 7: Town Clerk/Tax Collector – update on Election**

Linda Callahan presented the options for Town Meeting and Election Day after the Governor's Emergency Order #83, which allows for postponement due to Covid-19. The Selectman decided to table the decision until they could meet with the Moderator.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Miscellaneous**

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM. Chairman Tirrell seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edith Bednarczyk  
Clerical Assistant