## TOWN OF LEMPSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved Minutes May 26, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: David Richards, Joe Moulton, Al McNeill and Rob Marino

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 Meeting Selectmen's Meeting May 12, 2020 Work Session May 22, 2020

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on May 12, 2020 and the Work Session held on May 22, 2020. Selectman Mary Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on May 12, 2020 and the Work Session held on May 22, 2020 as printed. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Agenda Item 3: Old Business** 

**Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant** – Land owner agreed to let the Highway Supervisor remove the cut wood.

**Long Pond Turn-Around** – Family is not back yet. No update.

#### Town Beach and Dodge Pond

Selectman Grenier made a motion to keep the beaches closed at this time with a tentative opening date of July 1, 2020. The Selectmen will review this at their next two meetings. Chairman Tirrell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Tirrell said he has discussed part time weekend beach patrol with the Sheriff's Department. It will begin soon.

### 49 Charlestown Turnpike

Selectman Thurber said the paperwork has been started with the realtor. He will follow up.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

**Highway Department** 

No report submitted.

Chairman Tirrell said that he has received complaints about the dust on the roads. The highway department has calcium chloride. He will follow up with Mr. Simino.

# Fire and Rescue Department

Fire Department -No report submitted.

Rescue Report – Rescue Department report submitted to the Selectmen. See attached.

Mr. Moulton said that the drive by dinner was successful and they hope to do another one soon, perhaps with a fair food theme.

# **Public Participation**

Mr. McNeill questioned if the Town had any restrictions on the Boy Scout Camp because of the pandemic. Chairman Tirrell said that it is private property and that camps will have their own rules from the State.

Mr. McNeill said that the Post Office lease ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> but the Church will consider a short term lease if it would help them, 1 to 6 months.

Mr. Marino said that he is interested in the 175 Lempster Street property and wanted to know when it would go up for sale. Chairman Tirrell said that it wouldn't be able to be sold until the middle of June, so it would be at least July. Chairman Tirrell discussed removing the existing trailer on the site. Mr. Marino would like to keep the trailer and would remodel it. Mr. Marino said he will check back with the office in July to see if it is for sale yet.

#### Covid-19

Ms. Bjork said they have received the supply of hand sanitizer, wipes and masks from Chief Thomas. The Selectmen agreed to make it mandatory for the public to wear face coverings when entering the Town Office to reduce asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission of Covid-19. Those that have a medical condition where wearing a face covering will cause a health risk, will be exempt.

### **Administration and Correspondence**

- Intent to Cut Map 227 Lot 032 signed by the Selectmen
- Letter to property owner of Map 223 Lot 032 regarding illegal burning, signed by the Selectmen
- Letter to resident regarding gates on Bean Mountain Road, signed by the Selectmen
- Appointment of Susan Lichty to Conservation Commission
- Letter received and acknowledged regarding concern of ATV's driving through vernal pools.
- Sheriff's contract reviewed and signed by the Selectmen

# Miscellaneous

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Ingrid Bjork Administrative Assistant Lempster Rescue Report

May 26, 2020

Sorry to have been absent from reports and meeting during this crazy time. Hope you are all well.

April was a fairly slow month for us

2 calls for ill patients

1 call for a fall victim

May picked up a bit.

1 call for Difficulty Breathing

4 calls for Fall victims

2 falls with minor injuries

1 fall with ankle injury

1 fall with a wilderness rescue on Bean Mountain

1 call for a Pysch emergency

3 calls for ill patients

During all of April and May we have been trying to keep up with State changes to the Covid 19 Protocols.

We implemented several procedures to follow during calls. We wear a mask to all calls. Not only to protect us but also to protect the patients and their families from us as many of us on the Rescue are still working outside the home as essential workers. We have asked members who have any medical problems, live with family who may have compromised Immune systems or are at risk because of age to not respond to call that have been deemed at possible Covid 19 issue. We have created a separate bag to use for these types of calls to reduce the possible contamination of our equipment. We received donations from several area businesses for face shield, masks, and hand sanitizer. We are truly grateful for all of these donations. The community has been wonderful during this trying time. Thank You

Beth Clark-Moulton