

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
September 22, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: David Richards, Joe Moulton, Al McNeill, Fire Chief Jon Thomas, Rescue Captain Beth Clark Moulton, Cass Vanzi, Jonathan Nelson, Ekhart Straeter and Karen Flynn.

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
Work Session September 15, 2020**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Work Session held on September 15, 2020. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session held on September 15, 2020 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant – No update on JP estimate. The Selectmen discussed the cost savings by having the Highway Department do the project and renting the excavator from AKSA. The Highway Department could begin the project tomorrow. Selectman Thurber made a motion to have the Highway Department do the Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant project and renting the excavator from AKSA. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Fire Chief Jon Thomas will assist as needed.

Long Pond Turn-Around – Still waiting on land owner.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Highway Department – Mr. Simino was not available this evening. Chairman Tirrell gave a verbal update:

- New truck being delivered tomorrow.
- Lovejoy Road has been grounded. 4 wheelers tore up a small area on Lovejoy Road and the Sheriff's department is dealing with it.

Fire and Rescue Departments

Fire Chief Jon Thomas gave a verbal report this evening.

- Ladder truck has been repaired. Gathering quotes on lighting.
- Received notice that the Assistance to Fire Fighters grant has been approved.
- Would like to have the apron in front of the Fire station paved. The Selectmen will consider a warrant article.

Rescue Department

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

Mrs. Clark Moulton said that the Firefighter Association has raised approximately \$13,800 toward the cardiac monitor. She has received two quotes for purchasing the cardiac monitor. Selectman Grenier made a motion to allow the Rescue Department to purchase the cardiac monitor for \$20,860 using the donations first, then the balance from the Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Participation

Ms. Vanzi submitted a letter to the Selectmen from the Lempster Solar Association for their consideration.

Mr. Nelson would like the Selectmen to look at Portsmouth when considering a solar tax exemption.

Mr. Straeter discussed his solar panels, their cost and what he gets. He believes the starting point is incorrect on the solar panels. Ms. Flynn wants to make sure Avitar is doing their job correctly.

Chairman Tirrell will speak with Avitar regarding how they determine the assessment of \$600 per panel.

Administration and Correspondence

- Intent to Cut – 1 Map 212 Lot 008
- Logging agreement Northwoodlands, Inc.

Miscellaneous

Public Hearing for the Assistance to Fire Fighter grant is next Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

The Selectmen agreed to purchase a mail box for the Town Office and have a lock box for the Town Clerk attached to the building.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant

Lempster Rescue Report
July-September 22

July training

- ❖ Water rescue at Long Pond

August training

- ❖ Log rescue training
- ❖ Down firefighter CPR

September Training

- ❖ N95 mask fit test training

Calls

- ❖ July

➤ 7 calls

- ❖ August

➤ 5 calls

- ❖ September

➤ 5 to date