

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
October 27, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Moulton, Dave Richards, Fire Chief Jon Thomas, Sharon Wallace, Ivan Wallace, Jim Strickland, Kevin Onnela and Vanessa Keith

Chairman Tirrell called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 7, 2020
Selectmen's Meeting October 13, 2020**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Work Session held on October 7, 2020. Selectman Thurber made a motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session held on October 7, 2020 as corrected (change pick up to utility vehicle). Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on October 13, 2020. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on October 13, 2020 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant – Permit Application in process. Chairman Tirrell said that property owners are concerned about people driving in to access the pond which is private. Property is posted. Chairman Tirrell said that a fence behind the dry hydrant won't interfere with the plowing.

Long Pond Turn-Around – No update.

Truck Warranty – Ms. Bjork said that she spoke with Mr. Gagnon, Sales Representative of McDevitt Trucks regarding the purchase of the extended warranty and he said that the Town has 9 months from the time of registration to purchase the warranty at the price quoted. It can be purchased up to a year from the time of registration but the price may change. The truck was registered on April 15, 2020. The Selectmen agreed to purchase the extended warranty in January.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Fire and Rescue Reports – Fire Chief Jon Thomas said there have been positive Covid -19 cases in the town of Lempster. The Fire Department is getting ready for the fire season. He would like permission to purchase fire prevention materials. They will be doing a virtual program at Fall Mountain this year. The cost is approximately \$300.

Chief Thomas also asked permission to spend approximately \$350 for a large white board for the Fire Station meeting room. He said that the Fire Department budget has the money and is in good shape. Chairman Tirrell made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chief Thomas said that the cardiac monitor has been ordered and they have received electrostatic devices for cleaning.

Public Participation

Mr. Richards said that the burn ban has been lifted and to let Mr. Simino know for the Transfer Station. Mr. Richards would also like the Forest Fire budget emailed to him.

Mr. Onnela expressed his concern that he was the only one being taxed for storage containers. Chairman Tirrell said that he had asked Avitar previously why some containers are assessed and others not and was told that business, commercial properties were assessed. Mr. Onnela discussed other property owners that have a business in the area that own storage containers, and they are not being assessed. Ms. Bjork will follow up with Avitar when they come into the office in November. Mr. Onnela was told that he could file an abatement after the December billing.

Mr. Strickland requested permission to allow the Town Clerk to continue to sell memberships to the Hidden Valley Sno-Riders club. The Town receives \$2.00 per membership. The Selectmen approved his request.

Administration and Correspondence

Abatement – Map 227 Lot 004 LUCT \$1,460

GOFERR – final report for informational purposes signed by the Selectmen

GOFERR – Reimbursement request signed by the Selectmen

Intent to Cut – Map 210 Lot 020

Logging Agreement with S&S Land Clearing for Lovejoy Road signed by the Selectmen

Miscellaneous

Town Clerk/Tax Collector would like to schedule a work session after election. Ms. Bjork will ask her what day works for her.

Nonpublic per RSA 91:3 II (b) Hiring

Chairman Tirrell made a motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) Hiring at 7:20 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to leave the nonpublic session at 7:58 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Selectman Thurber made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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