

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
November 24, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Richards, Chief Deputy Jamie Wilson, Sharon Wallace, Ivan Wallace, Fire Chief Jon Thomas and Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino.

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
Selectmen's Meeting November 10, 2020**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on November 10, 2020. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on November 10, 2020 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant – Wetlands Permit granted. No further update.

Long Pond Turn-Around – Have no new information from the sisters. Chairman Tirrell said that it is ok to clear the trees on the Town's right of way to start the turn around.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Proposed Budgets for 2021

Fire Department - \$60,450 level funded
Rescue Department - \$18,850 level funded
Forest Fire - \$6,650 level funded
Sheriff's Department - Unknown

Chairman Tirrell asked Fire Chief Thomas to purchase the air filters this year with money left in their budget so that next year's budget can be level funded.

Mr. Richardson said that he would like to change the mileage budget line to training. No increase in total Forest Fire department budget.

Chief Deputy Wilson said that he hasn't got the budget numbers for next year yet but will do his best to get it to the Selectmen soon. Chief Deputy Wilson said that there have been 73 calls over the past 4 weeks, which includes 25 motor vehicle stops. There was some criminal mischief and theft on Mountain Road, mail box damaged, painted foundation etc.

Chairman Tirrell asked if the Sheriff's Department could continue increased patrol on Allen Road. Selectman Grenier asked if they could set up the car counter that tracks speed. Chief

Deputy Wilson said he will see if they can borrow Newport's. The Selectmen are researching the cost on a speed sign and have received one quote.

Mr. Richardson reminded everyone that they should clear overgrowth at the end of their driveway for better sight distance.

Highway Department – Mr. Simino gave a verbal report this evening.

- Have been preparing the vehicles for winter
- 2008 body has been patched and painted by the Highway Department. Repair of small valve that controls the fan.
- Dodge pickup wouldn't start. Waiting to find out what is needed for repair.
- Waiting on a quote for a laminated wood bridge for Olds Road. Has a 40 foot maximum span. Town of Washington has had success with this type of bridge.
- Transfer Station will continue to have a single line.

Chairman Tirrell asked Mr. Simino to grade some roads. Fire Chief Thomas asked if the Highway Department can clean up the end of the Fire Station driveway.

Mr. Simino asked if the transfer station can purchase the packer that will come available in December. The Selectmen agreed. Approximate cost \$2,500.

Chairman Tirrell asked Mr. Simino to patch up Lovejoy Road once it warms up.

The Selectmen agreed to pay the Lovejoy Road and Nichols Road work from the Highway budget before the Capital Reserve.

Public Participation

Mrs. Wallace asked if the computer in the meeting room could add word and excel. They have the money in their budget. Their laptops have these programs but they are unable to print wireless. Mrs. Bednarzyk will look into this for them. Ms. Bjork will research the age of the computer in the meeting room and printer.

Administration and Correspondence

- **Pistol permit – 1**

Miscellaneous

Selectman Grenier made a motion to appoint Jodie Fulton as Trustee of the Trust Funds, replacing Jim Morone. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Selectmen agreed to hold one Selectmen's meeting a month on the 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM at the meeting house and a work session on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 9:00 am at the Town office. Other work sessions will be scheduled as needed.

Selectman Thurber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant