

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
January 12, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Richards, Kevin Onnela, Richard Fairweather, Carol Andrews, Becky Farrand, Marissa Perron and Carolyn Kapchensky.

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 January 6, 2021**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the work session held on January 6, 2021. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the work session held on January 6, 2021 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Highway Department – Mr. Simino was not available this evening.

Fire and Rescue Departments – Not available, on a call.

Public Participation

Richard Fairweather asked where Lovejoy Road project is at. Chairman Tirrell said he would like to see a better clean up and has asked Mr. Simino to do so. Mr. Fairweather discussed his belief that more was cut than what was agreed upon. Chairman Tirrell said that he was not aware of that but that the Selectmen will arrange a walk with Mr. Fairweather. They discussed some trees were an imminent hazard and were cut down.

Mr. Onnela discussed not receiving a letter regarding cutting the trees. Chairman Tirrell said that he believed notification from a Highway employee, Mr. Goodspeed, his son in law was sufficient and the wood was left for him as instructed. Mr. Onnela stated he moved the wood to his son in law's. Chairman Tirrell understood that the Highway supervisor had notified all the land owners but one, whom they have now contacted and arranged wood delivery. They discussed being a small town and contacting the people in person and walking the sites. The Selectmen agreed they will follow RSA 231:150. Chairman Tirrell said he will speak with the Highway supervisor about the project.

Ms. Farrand expressed her frustration at the mess and number of trees that were removed. She would like to make sure the stumps are ground. Question of why a stump had a blue mark on top

of it. Chairman Tirrell said that a lot of questions they need to ask the Highway supervisor. Ms. Andrews and Mr. Fairweather discussed the responsibility of the Selectmen to oversee the project. Selectman Grenier said that they should have the town forester look at the site also.

Mr. Onnela discussed not receiving notice of the atv trail, Chairman Tirrell said that a certified letter was sent to him that he did not pick up. Mr. Onnela also showed concern of the Long Pond boat ramp construction.

Ms. Perron introduced herself to the Selectmen, She questioned why the plow truck does not plow the cul de sac on Guilford Drive until later. Mr. Onnela said that the plow truck has salt in it for Mountain Road and when they get to a dirt road they don't salt and need to come back with sand.

Ms. Kapchensky thanked Ms. Bjork for getting her information she requested regarding warrant articles and timelines. She said she would like to see the agenda and draft minutes posted on the website. Chairman Tirrell said that an employee at the office will be taking over the Town website and thanked Mr. Fairweather for his years of volunteering.

Ms. Kapchensky asked about fiber optic update. Chairman Tirrell said the first connection was at the Fire Department on December 15th and that they are still working on connecting areas of town. He recommended going to the NHEC website to sign up.

Mr. Richards said that the Fire chief could not be here this evening but asked if they could replace the fiberglass door on the back of the building with a steel door. He believed the cost would be approximately \$600 and would like to have the money come from the Building Repair capital reserve. The Selectmen asked Mr. Richards to see if the door has a warranty on it first before replacing. Selectman Grenier made a motion to replace the door if there is not warranty with money coming from the Building Repair capital reserve, up to \$600. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Administration and Correspondence

- Intent to Cut – Map 218 Lot 025
- Supplemental Intent to Cut – Map 201 Lot 002
- Letter received from Mr. Straeter supporting solar and requesting an abatement. Ms. Bjork will mail him an abatement form.
- Letter to 86 Nichols Rd regarding building permit.
- Henniker notification of public hearing regarding proposed site plan application for the construction of a 150 foot monopole wireless communication tower

Miscellaneous

Ms. Bjork wanted to remind everyone that the Budget Hearing will be on February 9th at 7:00 PM. The Selectmen agreed it would be held at the Meeting House, 119 Lempster St. Chairman Tirrell discussed the operating budget and how it will be level funded. Ms. Bjork and Ms. Bednarcyk are working on writing the warrant. One of the warrant articles will be an exemption on solar, up to \$5,000 of assessed value. Chairman Tirrell said that if the warrant is voted in it will take affect 2021. Mr. Onnela asked if he could file an abatement for last year. Ms. Bjork said the abatement forms are at the office and she will send him one. Chairman Tirrell said that the requested amount for capital reserves will be down approximately \$30,000. There will be a couple of new capital reserve requests such as a grader and the planning board professional

assistance contingency, but others will not be funded this year, such as the Meeting House and Town Building Repair.

Ms. Kapchensky discussed her support in updating the master plan but felt that it has no enforcement if there is no zoning. Chairman Tirrell said that it a guide. Selectman Grenier said that zoning was proposed and failed previously.

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