

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
March 27, 2018

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Jon Thomas, Jim Richards, Barbara Richards, David Richards, Linda Callahan, Jim Grenier, Gary Clark, Diane Clark and Daryl Simino

Selectman Thurber called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Public Hearing March 13, 2018

Selectmen's Meeting March 13, 2018

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on March 13, 2018. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on March 13, 2018 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. Selectman Tirrell abstained.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 13, 2018. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 13, 2018 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. Selectman Tirrell abstained.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

Rededication of the WWII Memorial Plaque

The Selectmen agreed to have the rededication ceremony of the WWII Memorial plaque on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Richardson Brook Pond Dry Hydrant

Mrs. Richards said she has the signed easement and will get it to the Registry of Deeds. Next step is to hire an engineer and begin the permitting process. The Selectmen recommended hiring Bill Evans who worked on the Dodge Pond hydrant.

Fire PPE quotes

Fire Chief Thomas said he called a couple of other vendors regarding the personal protective gear and they told him they could not match Firematic and did not send any written quotes. The Selectmen asked him to get a written quote from Firematic for the PPE.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Chairman

Selectman Thurber made a motion to nominate Selectman Phil Tirrell as Chairman. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. Selectman Tirrell accepted the nomination. All were in favor.

Selectman Thurber said he will continue to be the Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board and Selectman Grenier said she will continue to be the Selectmen's representative on the Safety Team Committee.

Chief Deputy Wilson – Sullivan County Sheriff's Department

Chief Deputy Wilson was not available this evening.

Highway Department Report

Mr. Simino gave a verbal report this evening. He said that he has been having problems with residents pushing the snow into the roads and leaving it there. He has addressed the issue with a few individuals. He has a concern that it is continuing after notification. Ms. Bjork said she has contacted Office Batista who said he will work with the Town on addressing the issue. There is a town ordinance regarding this matter. Mr. Simino would like to send out a reminder to all the residents before next winter.

Mr. Simino said they have begun clearing trees and brush at the Dam. He has been working on a project list for 2018 and would like to review it with the Selectmen. The Selectmen scheduled a work session for May 4, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Simino said he received a few complaints during the storm but wanted to let the Selectmen know that his crew had been out plowing all evening.

Mr. Simino said that he was contacted about damage to the railing at the Meeting House. He said that he inspected the railing and said that the damage was not caused by a Highway plow. Ms. Bjork said she has contacted the insurance company and they asked for an estimate to be sent to them. There is a \$1,000 deductible. Selectman Thurber said that he has asked Mr. Rodeschin to get a repair estimate.

Fire and Rescue Department Report

Chief Thomas submitted the Fire Department report to the Selectmen. See attached. Chief Thomas requested permission to purchase firefighting foam. He estimated the cost to be \$600. Selectman Thurber made a motion to allow Chief Thomas to purchase the fire fighter foam with funds from his budget. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chief Thomas complained about the Asplundh trucks parking at the 929 Route 10 property. They have been blocking the ramp area and damaging the driveway. Chairman Tirrell said he will call Asplundh tomorrow and ask them to remove their vehicles and equipment.

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

Public Participation

Mr. Jim Grenier discussed the bill that is going to the House regarding cancelations of Town meeting elections. Mr. Grenier said that the bill requires the moderator to call the Secretary of the State to get permission to

postpone the election portion of Town meeting. Representative Grenier said he does not like the bill because he has a concern about the moderator being able to connect with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Gary Clark asked the Selectmen and Highway Supervisor if they had any plans to pave Sand Pond Road.

Mr. Simino said that they do not have any plans to pave Sand Pond Road at this time. Chairman Tirrell spoke about the roads in Lempster and how many of them needed maintenance and repair. He discussed the expense of paving. The Selectmen said they plan to work on Lovejoy Road this year because it is a very heavily traveled road. Mr. Simino said that he will go look at Sand Pond Road and see if there is anything he can do to smooth it up. Mr. Clark said that he liked the work that was done on West Shore Road.

Mr. Dave Richards said that he sent an email to Ms. Bjork regarding a complaint about the Highway Department plowing onto his property. Last week they pushed the snow beyond the right of way. Mr. Richards said he has addressed this many times over the past couple of years. Selectman Thurber recommended placing a delenia post that can be seen with all the snow. Chairman Tirrell said that he investigated the issue when he received a copy of the complaint from Ms. Bjork. He said that he could not see the pile of rocks under the snow. Mr. Simino recommended raking and seeding the property in the spring if there is any damage. He said that Mr. Goodspeed does a good job plowing Mountain Road and there has been a lot of snow this past month. Chairman Tirrell said he will look at the situation again in the spring.

Administration and Correspondence

- Employee Request for time off - approved
- Intents to Cut – Map 215 Lot 008
Map 217 Lot 016
- Intents to Excavate – Map 209 Lot 004
Map 232 Lot 025001
- MS 232 – signed by the Selectmen

Miscellaneous

The Selectmen agreed to cancel the April 10, 2018 Selectmen's meeting. Chairman Phil Tirrell and Selectman Thurber will be unavailable.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to spend \$37,814.85 to repair the 2000 Mack. She noted that the insurance company is paying \$25,007.73 and the Town will pay \$12,807.12. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mrs. Richards asked Chairman Tirrell is he would be willing to be the Emergency Management contact. She explained that she has been doing that role for the Selectmen because she use to be the Emergency Management deputy but no longer has that role. Chairman Tirrell said that he would be the new contact.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant

Selectmans Report

Submitted By Chief Jon Thomas

3-27-18

Calls: Motor Vehicle Accident Lempster St., 2nd Alarm Building Fire Dodge Hollow Rd.

Training: Ropes and Low angle rescue, Neonatal resuscitation class

- Potential New Member
- Gear for Members purchase request
- Firefighting Foam purchase request
- When snow is gone putting in a request to have driveway fixed up

Lempster Rescue March Summary

Call Log: The Rescue has been dispatched to 5 calls since the beginning of March. Calls have ranged from lift assists to breathing difficulties. All 5 calls were to residents of Lempster with no calls for Mutual Aid. We are currently now up to 25 rescue calls for the year.

Trainings: Recent trainings for the Rescue have been tailored to correspond with the season. We have reviewed our state protocols for hypothermia/submersion patients and discussed treatment for certain emergent situations. We have also done a group review of the new State EMS protocols. Upcoming trainings that are in the early planning stages are more hands on practical's that will help reacquaint our EMT's with basic level skills along with covering recertification requirements for our EMT licensing.

Spending: No major spending has taken place. One order for supplies used and outdated supplies was recently completed. No other spend has been discussed to this point. Moving forward, any spend prior to release of new budget would be necessary supplies for our medical bags.

News: We recently had two of our EMT's complete the NCCP refresher course. This is a 20 hour course consisting of 7 hours of online training and 13 hours of hands on practicals. These 20 hours along with 10 hours of state and local trainings and 10 hours of individual trainings are required for EMT's to recertify at the National Level. Recertification for EMT's is necessary by March 31st every two years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Kobeski

Rescue Captain