

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
May 22, 2018

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rescue Captain Adam Kobeski, Ernie Perry, Jon Metz, Claudia Istel, Ellen Stetson, Gardiner Stetson, Jillian Thomas, Beth Clark Moulton, Jim Richards, Barbara Richards, David Richards and Daryl Simino

Chairman Tirrell 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
Selectmen's Meeting May 8, 2018**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on May 8, 2018. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on May 8, 2018 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

Richardson Brook Pond Dry Hydrant

Mrs. Richards said she spoke with Bill Evans and he wanted to know what the Selectmen wanted to do regarding holding the water back, possibly a dirt berm. Also, he had a concern about the steep grade of the easement. Selectman Thurber said he has not been able to review the situation yet.

Rededication of WWII Monument Celebration

Selectman Thurber has arranged for speakers from the 6th grade and he has organized history of the monument. It was decided not to have refreshments. Selectman Grenier said she thought many people will have plans that day.

Fire PPE quotes

Fire Chief Thomas was not available this evening. No fire PPE quotes were received.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Chief Deputy Wilson – Sullivan County Sheriff's Department

Chief Deputy Wilson was not available this evening

Fire and Rescue Department Report

Chief Thomas was not available this evening.

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

Captain Kobeski discussed the need for a new monitor next year and would like to discuss options of funding. Selectman Grenier discussed the Capital Reserve for Rescue Department Equipment. It presently has \$8006. Additional amount can be requested next year at Town meeting.

Highway Department Report

Mr. Simino gave a verbal report this evening.

- WWII Memorial Plaque has been placed on the monument.
- 99 Mack – Do not expect it to be back until mid-June to beginning of July.
- Agreement to purchase 2,500 cy of fill material for \$3.50 has been approved.
- Long Pond Pavilion has been straightened up. Long Pond Dam project is completed.
- The Highway crew is working on crack sealing.

Mr. Simino recommended replacing the old shingles which are falling off the pavilion with a metal roof. He got a quote for the materials and it went over the donation amount by approximately \$20. Selectman Thurber made a motion to repair the pavilion roof and to use funding from the building repair budget for the difference. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Simino discussed the wetlands permit application for the box culvert on Lovejoy Road. He was hoping Mr. Beard, Chairman of the Lempster Conservation Commission would be here this evening to review the plans. Ms. Bjork said that Mr. Beard called earlier in the day and said that he will not be available this evening but would be in tomorrow to review the plans. The application was signed by Chairman Tirrell. The Selectman asked Deputy Town Clerk Barbara Richards to sign the permits so they could return them to Michie as soon as possible.

Chairman Tirrell asked Mr. Simino if he would repair the area above the Mountain Road Bridge. Mr. Simino said that he should fill the area with shur pak.

Mr. Simino asked if he could get rid of the old mower, the motor is gone. The Selectmen agreed.

Mr. Simino said that he plans to use fill from ditching in the area where the tree stumps are by the old cemetery building.

Public Participation

Mr. Metz discussed the dust on the road in front of his house and asked when the Highway Department was going to sweep it. Mr. Simino has that they do not sweep dirt/shur pak roads but do place calcium chloride on them to keep the dust down. He will check the road tomorrow.

Claudia Istel introduced herself. She is running for Jim Grenier's representative position.

Jillian Thomas discussed a fund raiser for the Lempster Firefighter's Association. The Ladies auxiliary would like to have a town wide yard sale where residents could list their yard sale on a map and also use the 929 Route

10 property paved area to rent space for approximately 40 tables. They would like to have the yard sale on July 7th from 8-3. Discussion of parking in the rear. Selectman Grenier made a motion to allow the Ladies auxiliary to hold the fund raiser and use the paved area of the 929 property for the tables. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Administration and Correspondence

- Employee Resignation-modified date per employee's request
- Employees Request for time off - 1 approved
- Abatement Application – Map 227 Lot 081 approved
- Timber Tax Warrants – 2 \$2,363.79 and \$2,324.17
- Letter to property owner regarding numerous unregistered vehicles / unlicensed retail vehicle dealer.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Bjork said that she is preparing an order to vacate a recreational trailer per request of the health officer and building inspector. She will have it ready for signatures next week.

Non-public RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) Employee (b) Hiring

Chairman Tirrell made a motion at 8:05 P.M. to enter a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) Employee and (b) hiring, to discuss the resignation of an employee, compensation and hiring. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Selectmen discussed the resignation of a highway employee and request to change the date of the resignation. It was agreed by the Selectmen that the resignation date would be effective June 8, 2018 instead of June 15, 2018. The employee will be paid for any unused vacation time per personnel policy.

The Selectmen and Mr. Simino discussed replacing the position. Mr. Simino expressed his concern that the snow plowing route would take an additional hour to hour and a half with three men. Presently it takes approximately 3 hours to do their route. Mr. Simino said that possibly a part time person could be hired during plow season.

Selectmen Thurber said that he has been reviewing the production of three men vs. four since they went from a three man crew to a four man crew and has found that there was little difference between production and/or complaints from residents regarding road conditions. When it was agreed to hire a full time fourth person they were supposed to maintain the cemetery and work at the Transfer Station. Since then a part time employee was hired to work at the Transfer Station. The Selectmen agreed there was not an immediate need to fill the position.

Chairman Tirrell made a motion to leave the non-public session and return to the public session at 8:36 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Tirrell made a motion to not seal the minutes of the non-public session. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor. A roll call was taken to not seal the minutes. Chairman Tirrell – yes, Selectman Grenier – yes, Selectman Thurber – yes

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 P.M. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant

Lempster Rescue May Summary

Call Log: The Rescue has been dispatched to 4 calls since the beginning of May. Calls have ranged from breathing difficulties to possible broken ribs. All 4 calls were to residents of Lempster with no calls for Mutual Aid.

Trainings: Last month's training for the Rescue was postponed due to my travel for business. Upcoming training opportunities include firefighter cpr and cardiac rhythm strip reading.

Spending: No spending has taken place this month.

News: We recently voted to move our monthly rescue meetings to the first Wednesday of each month. This was done because the attendance is usually better on that Wednesday. Monthly trainings will remain on the third Wednesday of each month. I would also like input on how to request funds to purchase a refurbished monitor for the squad. Our current monitor was purchased refurbished approximately 5+ years ago and was used at that point. The unit is upwards of 10 years old. We are beginning to have issues with battery life and incorrect readings. I am looking into having the equipment serviced to prolong the life of the machine but would really like to try and purchase one next year. How do I start the process?

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Kobeski

Rescue Captain