

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes  
February 26, 2019

**PRESENT:** Chairman Phil Tirrell, Selectman Mary Grenier and Barbara Richards, Clerical Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheriff John Simonds, Chief Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Wilson, Fire Chief Jon Thomas, Jim Richards, David Richards, Beth Clark-Moulton, Ron Clark, Ernie Perry

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**

**Budget Hearing February 5, 2019**

**Bond Hearing February 5, 2019**

**Selectmen's Meeting February 5, 2019**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Budget Hearing, Bond Hearing, and Selectmen's Meeting held on February 5, 2019. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Budget Hearing, Bond Hearing, and Selectmen's Meeting held on February 5, 2019 as presented. Chairman Tirrell seconded the motion. Motion passed

**Agenda Item 3: Old Business**

Nothing for tonight.

**Agenda Item 4: New Business**

**Fire and Rescue Department Report**

Chief Thomas notified the Board that Rescue Captain Kobeski has sold his home and moved out of the area. Rescue Lieutenant Beth Clark-Moulton is covering at this time.

Chief Thomas submitted a written report. See attached. Selectman Grenier made a motion to allow the Fire/Rescue Department to use the 902 Route 10 building for training that does not involve burning the building. Chairman Tirrell seconded the motion. Motion passed. Selectmen Grenier said the gate needs to stay locked during the training.

**Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff Simonds presented the new contract to the Board of Selectmen that showed an increase of \$3,998 over last year's contract. This increase is from software up-grades, salaries, and benefits. Chairman Tirrell explained that our budget in the warrant does not reflect that much of an increase. Sheriff Simonds said that they are sorry they did not realize sooner of the budget hearing. He will talk with the County Manager regarding possible solutions. Next year the town will contact the Sheriff's Office earlier on the budget.

Chief Deputy Wilson reported on the calls for the past two months. Most noticeable calls were showing four thefts, one burglary, and one fraud report.

The Selectmen asked to have a Deputy Sheriff at the School District Meeting on March 9, 2019 from 7-9 pm. They, also, requested the Deputy Sheriff on duty on March 12, 2019 check in at the Town Meeting business session that starts at 7pm.

## **Public Participation**

No one had anything tonight.

## **Wellness Grant**

Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept and expend the \$500.00 Wellness Grant received from Healthtrust. Chairman Tirrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Administration and Correspondence**

- Timber Tax Warrant
- Cartographics On-line Mapping Contract
- Veteran/Elderly Exemption - 1

## **Miscellaneous**

The Board asked that the office contact a contractor to nail down the southwest corner of the roof on the garage at 902 Route 10.

The Selectmen will schedule a work session for next week.

The March 12, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting will be at 4:00 PM at the Lempster Community School.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Chairman Tirrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Richards  
Clerical Assistant

## Selectmans Report

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Submitted by Fire Chief Jon Thomas

**Calls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Alarm Long Pond Rd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm Newport, 1<sup>st</sup> Alarm Goshen, 1<sup>st</sup> Alarm Tucker Rd, Chimney Fire Goshen, Pellet Stove Issue Rt. 10, Flood Assistance Marlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm Gilsum, Lift Assistance Marlow (2), MVA Rt. 10, 1<sup>st</sup> Alarm Unity

**Training:** Hazardous Conditions Monitoring. First due without a crew and Apparatus Placement in Proctorsville VT.

- Use of Rt 10 Building for Training
- Bonnie Plant LP Tank and Emergency water supply
- Officer development in Maine
- Newport Fire Chief Wayne Conroy retires