

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
October 22, 2019

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Callahan, David Richards, Al McNeill, Pat McCabe, Barbara Richards and Jim Beard.

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 October 8, 2019**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on October 8, 2019. Selectman Thurber made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 8, 2019 as presented. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant – Mrs. Richards said the town has received the signed easement deed and she will get it to the Registry of Deeds.

Long Pond Turn-Around - No update.

Asbestos Testing – Aries Engineering has done the asbestos testing at 902 Route 10 and 49 and 55 Charlestown Turnpike. Waiting on results. Still waiting to hear back from Clean Harbor regarding the ash pile at 929 Route 10.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Proposed 2020 budgets

Library – \$19,000 Level funded

Cemetery – \$8,500 Level funded

Supervisors of the Checklist - \$9,850 Increase due to number of elections and equipment line added.

Conservation Commission – \$5,100 Level funded

Mr. Beard discussed the cracked ceiling in the library and that he is getting quotes for repair. The Miner Memorial Library may apply for a grant once they know the cost.

Ms. McCabe asked permission to purchase a computer for the Supervisors of the Checklist. Chairman Tirrell made a motion to allow the Supervisors of the Checklist to purchase a new computer with money from their budget. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. McCabe requested permission to purchase three election pens at the cost of \$99.95 each. Selectman Grenier made a motion to allow the Supervisors of the Checklist to purchase three elections pens at \$99.95 each. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. McCabe said that they are also looking at purchasing a notice board. The Selectmen agreed she could purchase them out of their budget this year.

Fire and Rescue Department

The Fire and Rescue Departments are scheduled on November 12th to present their 2020 budgets.

Highway Department

Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino was not available this evening but submitted a written report to the Selectmen. See attached.

The Selectmen received a quote for automatic door openers for the Highway garage from Keene Door. The quote was for \$2,367. 120 volt outlets would need to be installed for each unit. The Selectmen agreed to go ahead and purchase the doors and to have Eric Lemay Electric do the electrical work.

Public Participation

Mr. Beard asked about the rumor the Post Office was closing. Selectman Grenier gave the address of the Post Office representative who handles post office locations to Mr. Beard and Ms. Callahan who were interested. Mr. McNeill, as a representative of the church discussed the expenses of the repairs to the property that the Post Office is demanding and how the church cannot afford to do them. He also discussed how the lease did not allow an increase for 15 years and that the post office had a right to leave every five years. Selectman Thurber asked Mr. McNeill if the church received private funds for the upgrades and repairs would the church reconsider the lease or if a short term lease would be considered for time to find another location in Lempster. Mr. McNeill said that he would speak with the church board about the public's concerns and suggested someone meet with the church board with their ideas of a solution.

Administration and Correspondence

None.

Miscellaneous

Selectman Grenier made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) Personnel at 8:05 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Board polled: Chairman Tirrell-yes; Selectman Thurber-yes; Selectman Grenier-yes. Motion passed.

Selectman Thurber made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) Personnel. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. Board polled: Chairman Tirrell-yes; Selectman Thurber-yes; Selectman Grenier-yes. Motion passed.

Selectman Thurber made a motion to leave the non-public session and return to public session at 8:17 PM. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All in favor.

Selectman Thurber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant

Highway Dept. Report
10-22-19

Culvert put in on School Road. Need to finish ditching area.

Tree and limbs moved out of road after storm.

New culvert on Mill Road before turn around

Reshaped yard at transfer station to keep water out of building.

All vehicles are inspected.

Chipper ready to go to shop for repair.

Mountain Road project completed including blacktop.