

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes
November 26, 2019

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Richards, David Richards, Al McNeill, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Callahan, Jim Richards and Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino

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 Meeting
Selectmen's Meeting November 12, 2019**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on November 12, 2019. Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of November 12, 2019 as presented. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All in favor.

Agenda Item 3: Old Business

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant – Mrs. Richards said that Engineer Bill Evans will get together with Chairman Tirrell for the next step.

Long Pond Turn-Around - No update.

902 Route 10 – Mr. Simino said that he has not removed the oil yet from the basement and that the stairs were blocked. Mr. Simino discussed his concern that the building debris will be heavier because of the open roof. The Selectmen asked Mr. Simino to take down the lean to also.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

Judy Aron, State Representative Sullivan County District 7

Ms. Aron was not available this evening.

Proposed 2020 Budgets

Executive - \$91,180 increase from 2019 budget of \$88,420 Increase in town report cost and software. Includes compensation. Chairman Tirrell asked if the post office moves out of Lempster if the budget reflects this. Ms. Bjork said no. If it's a post office box is rented outside of Lempster the mileage budget would need to be increased. Mail drop on building was discussed, not known if the carrier would deliver to a locked box on the building. The post office is actively looking for a place in Lempster.

Election and Registration – Town Clerk portion \$5,560.00 without compensation. Ms. Bjork will calculate a 3% increase in compensation for budgeting purposes and include compensation for a new deputy town clerk/tax collector/clerical assistant who will be replacing Mrs. Richards when she retires. Budget will include a training period with overlapping personnel.

Financial - Tax Collector \$7,670 without compensation. Ms. Bjork will add a level funded stipend for the Treasurer, Auditor and payment for the CPA.

Highway Department and Transfer Station – Budget reviewed and will be revised after 2019 expenditures.

Highway Department

Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino did not have a report this evening due to discussion on the Highway Department 2020 budget. Mr. Simino said that he has a \$1,800 estimate for the pavement cutting saw. He is still waiting on quotes for the leaf blower.

Public Participation

Mr. McNeill said that the library had an electrical problem that has been repaired. He said that the seal on the meter was clipped and that the lugs were loose.

Mr. David Richards said that the forestry grant was denied but he would still like to purchase the PPE and fire equipment from his budget. He estimates the cost of \$4,000. The Selectmen approved his request.

Administration and Correspondence

Letter from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department thanking the Fire Department for their assistance on November 15th.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Richards said that she applied for the Avangrid grant for the ball park upgrade.

The Selectmen agreed to move the December 24th meeting to December 17th at 7:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant