

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2021**

Board Present: Mary Grenier, Everett Thurber and Traci Homol
Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: Phil Tirrell, Alvin McNeil, Barb Richards, Beth Clark Moulton, Joseph Moulton Jr., Kevin Onnela, Scott Goodspeed, Jeremy Wilson, David Richards and Carolyn Kapchensky.

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:58PM.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll and accounts payable manifest.

July 13, 2021 Minutes reviewed; Mary moved to accept minutes, seconded by Traci; all in favor, motion passed.

Old Business-

Transfer Station:

Daryl reported they have opened both lanes and would like to place the second compactor at the end of the building facing in the opposite direction. They will need to purchase an additional packer box in order to truck the refuse.

Mary read Newport's Transfer Station costs to dispose.

RV Permit:

To be discussed sometime in August; Kevin Onnela and Alvin McNeil would like to receive copies of the permit and regulations.

Roadside and Field Mowing:

A.K.S.A. will be awarded the bid if no other bids are received by the deadline of July 31, 2021.

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant:

The Board discussed how the process transpired around the Town installing the hydrant for the original O'Grady Subdivision; the owner at the time provided the necessary piping; the first location was not allowed by the Department of Environmental Service, the second location was too steep to allow the firetrucks access, therefore an engineering firm was hired to design the hydrant. Everett explained the hydrant is for the use of the entire mountain; not just the subdivision. Traci had several concerns with the taxpayer's funding the project; Everett recommended that Traci attend a Planning Board meeting for a clearer understanding. Mary moves to install the Hydrant, seconded by Everett, Traci opposed; motion to install passes.

New Business

Mill Road Bridge Design:

Traci moves to accept the design, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Department Reports-

Highway Department:

Daryl reported there is only a small amount of ditching left to complete Love Joy Road, the stumps have all been removed.

Crescent Lake Bridge is in need of a few replacement boards.

Signs will be ordered for S. & N. Pitkin Roads; not a thru way.

The beaver trapper has caught 13 beavers so far. Carolyn Kapchensky inquired as to how they were being disposed of; Daryl was unsure but offered many trappers sell them to coyote hunters.

Mary inquired as to the status of the Gilly Grader; Daryl expects the salesman sometime this week to discuss and quote.

Shimming is being done on Allen Road; as it is a bus route.

Sullivan County Sheriff:

Jamie Wilson presented the Sheriff Department's activity report.

Carolyn Kapchensky inquired as to ATV usage on her road and how to stop them; Carolyn was advised to call Claremont Dispatch/Fish and Game.

Scott Goodspeed would like to know if the Deputies are keeping track of nonresident use at Long Pond Beach; Jamie responded not at this time - it has been fairly quiet this year.

Fire/Rescue:

Beth gave the Board an update of the department's activities.

The MSA 4 is in need of a gas sensor, the cost to repair is \$300.00. Traci moves to repair, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Beth presented a quote for \$905.00 from LaValley's for a new entry door for upstairs, the replacement of the door was previously approved by the Board; money to come from CIP 012, Town Building & Maintenance. Scott Goodspeed thought the cost seemed high, Mary would like to see quotes from Home Depot and Lowes.

Administrative and Correspondence

Trust Fund Withdrawal:

The Board approved three requests for withdrawals from the following Capital Reserve Funds:

1. CIP 012 – Town Building & Maintenance Fund; Library plaster repair and Town Office pressure tank \$6,863.00.

2. CIP 037 – Town Information & Technology; Highway Department Computer and CCI Broadband \$1,761.97.
3. CIP 030 – Town Hall/Meeting House; January-July restoration bills.

Traci inquired if the Meeting House would be done by Old Home Day; Everett doesn't believe it will as the lights are on backorder

Broadband Update:

Mary has been in contact with Mike Reid; the holdup has been the inability to get necessary supplies.

Firefighter's Grant:

FEMA approved reimbursement of \$41,704.76 for new compressor; the question was raised as to what happened to the old one; response the vendor issued a trade-in credit towards the new one.

Timber Warrant: Signed by the Board.

State Forest Reimbursement: Signed by the Board.

DRA Correspondence: Reviewed by the Board.

Public Participation –

Phil Tirrell, Emergency Management Director and Edie are working on updating the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) which will then be submitted to the State as required.

Scott Goodspeed asked if Edie had taken the required test for Emergency Management; Phil responded in the negative.

Scott reported Dodge Pond Beach is eroding due to high water.

Much discussion followed involving dry hydrants located in the Town.

Traci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11PM; seconded by Mary, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant