

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2021**

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

Others Present: Phil Tirrell, Barb Richards, Scott Goodspeed, David Richards, Daryl Simino, Grace Schmidt, Cheryl McGinnis, Alvin McNeill, Amanda Solomon and Erik Walker.

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

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

August 10, 2021 Minutes reviewed; Mary amended the minutes to include under Fire Department - "Town Building Maintenance CIP 012" Mary moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Everett; all in favor, motion passed.

Old Business-

Beaver Dam on Hurd Road:

Mary read an email received from Jonathan Hurd withdrawing his permission for the Town to abate the beavers. Mary made clear any damages to Town roads would be the property owner's responsibility to repair. Erik Walker and Amanda Solomon spoke against removing the dam; Erik believes the dam is partially on his property; Mary apologizes if that is the case for not notifying him; all town records indicate the dam is located fully on Jonathan Hurd's property.

Everett discussed the history of the various dams, he explained the original dam was man made. The beaver dam has grown over the years and the backside becomes rotten, the force of the new dam against the old part was too much for the dam to withstand during the heavy rains. Mary would love to see the property owners install beaver deceivers.

Everett would like the State dam inspector to give his opinion of the dam; Phil stated the inspector will be inspecting the Long Pond dam on Tuesday and perhaps he will look at it then. Erik Walker would like the Board to communicate better; Daryl stated the largest problem with communication is Facebook; the first time the dam let go was due to the bottom of the dam giving way. Mary will be certain that Erik receives a copy of the Inspector's report. Everett moved to have the State Dam Inspector inspect the dam, seconded by Mary; all in favor.

New Business-

7th Annual Bike Ride to Benefit Fall Mountain Youth Sports:

The Town received a request to use the ball field parking area on Ball Park Road as a water and food stop for the bike race to be held on September 12th. Traci moved to allow, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Long Pond Protective Association Signs Request:

Request received from the association for the Town to purchase two signs one for the Long Pond Beach and one for the Pavilion stating Carry In/Carry Out trash policy. Traci moves to accept responsibility for the Town to purchase the signs, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Department Reports-

Emergency Management:

Phil has been in contact with Julia Chase from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management; she expects that FEMA will be in Lempster sometime this week to assess the damages from the July 29/30, 2021 storm event.

The Town has received approximately 18 Emergency Authorization Permits from NHDES to repair the storm damaged roads and culverts.

Highway Department:

Roads Update:

Daryl reported that Lovejoy Road now has both lanes open, the highway department has been concentrating on repairing the worst roads first. Culverts have been ordered to repair the damages sustained in the July storm; the cost of the culverts are \$46,000.00 and will not be in for 6-8 weeks.

The ditches on Mountain Road still need stone; Mill Road is back together. Scott Goodspeed stated the bridge is passable but it will not be able to be plowed this winter; it will not hold up. The Board discussed replacing the bridge as soon as Michie gets it built in the fall. The Board voted to have Daniels Construction install the bridge as moved by Mary, seconded by Everett; all in favor. Daryl will contact Daniels Construction.

Equipment:

The Dodge will not pass inspection in September, the cost to repair Daryl feels is in the region of \$2,500.00. Mary stated it would be cheaper to pay someone mileage for personal vehicle use than to repair it.

Miscellaneous:

Winter sand still needs to be put up.

David Richards – chevron signs sitting in the woods on Mountain Road.

Fire/Rescue Department:

Meeting Dates:

Beth Clark-Moulton would like to present the department reports during the first select board meeting of the month.

Administrative and Correspondence-

DRA Emergency Expenditures approval letter received.

Sullivan County Commissioners letter to Governor Sununu; read by Mary.

Right to Inter; Signed by the Board.

Pistol Permit; Signed by Mary.

Public Participation-

Roadside and Field Mowing:

Mary inquired if one or two passes will be made on the mowing; A.K.S.A. two passes will be made on the road sides.

Post Office Update:

Daryl just received the signed contract from the Postal Service; he plans on going to the bank soon; the Post Office shell will be built by early fall.

Friends of the Library:

Grayce Schmidt and Cheryl McGinnis would like to apply for a simple grant to change the entry stairs at the Library. Next year they are hoping to use LChip funds to move the Library as it is not presently ADA compliant.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM; seconded by Traci, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant