

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
September 28, 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, Alvin McNeill, Gary Clark, Diane Clark, Keith Fulton, Kyle Welch and Kevin Onnela.

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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

September 14, 2021 Minutes reviewed; Mary made a motion to accept the minutes amended to read: Everett (not Mary) inquired of the Fire Department's Inventory status, seconded by Everett; all in favor as amended.

September 23, 2021 Minutes reviewed; Traci made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Old Business-

Long Pond Extended Plowing Route:

Charlie Olsen had asked the Town to plow past his driveway as it is now a year-round residence - Traci feels it is the owner's responsibility to plow as the Town has never plowed past his driveway and the Town's turnaround is "literally nothing more than a cow path."

Questions were raised as to the Class status of the road; Everett stated there originally was a 50' buffer between the Lempster/Washington town lines; Phil feels the Road is a Class V Road to the town line. Dave Richards believes even if a road is a Class V after 5 years of non-maintenance it becomes a Class VI road.

Mary feels clean-up could be done with the smaller plow truck; Daryl and Scott reiterate there is no place to put the snow, Washington residents are also parking at the end of the road making turnaround and plowing extremely difficult.

Kyle Welch asked about sub-contracting plowing of the section; Traci responded it sets precedence and we can't be plowing private driveways.

Research needs to be done into the Town's responsibility to maintain any further than it has in the past, along with possible solutions regarding turn around space and snow removal.

Transfer Station:

Mary would like the Board to review for future pricing of disposal fees. Diane Clark would like to see mandatory recycling. Kyle Welch inquired as to cost vs. income; Mary explained the transfer station is a service and you will never make money at it. Kevin Onella feels the disposal fees are too high.

Olds Road Bridge:

The Board met with K.A. Steven's and Daryl on September 23rd at the bridge to discuss the options and pricing to repair; Stevens returned a price quote of \$142,500.00 for a one-way slab reinforced with rebar. Traci moves to accept the quote, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Keith Fulton has opened his gravel pit (Brown Road) to the public for passage while the bridge is closed and is asking for the highway crew to give him a hand fixing tipped wing walls to avoid any further damage to the walls or injury to users of the private road; passed unanimously.

Everett would like an agreement to be signed to avoid any misunderstandings with the public because the Town is working on a private road; Mary seconds the motion; Traci abstains, motion passes.

New Business-**Crescent Lake Road Bridge and Wheeler Lane Bridge:**

Letters of deficiency were received from DOT; until repaired the bridges must be posted on both ends with signs stating passenger cars only and weight limit 3 tons. Daryl is waiting on prices for pans (for a cement decks).

Department Reports-**Emergency Management:**

Phil reported Governor Sununu has written to President Biden asking him for a State of Emergency Declaration due to the July storm event. President Biden must sign the declaration in order for FEMA to send funding.

Highway Department:

Daryl stated the crew is getting the winter sand put up; the contract with the Fulton's for sand expires on September 1, 2022.

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant:

Daryl was looking for the 3 lengths of piping, screen and elbows that the Fire Department has for the job; a request by a resident was made to have the Fire Chief attend the meetings.

Property owner research needed regarding a beaver dam on Richardson Brook for beaver abatement; Phil believes the owner to be Patrick Hilliard.

There may be an additional cost to install the hydrant due to damage at the location which occurred during the July storm event.

Administrative and Correspondence-

Three Timber Warrants – one with dooimage assessment; signed by the Board.

DOT – DES permit amendment for work on bridge over Giles Brook (formerly Cold Brook).

Request for town line sign on Sand Pond Road made by Rita Nudd; Daryl will investigate and order a new sign.

Mary read a letter received from the Lempster Long Pond Protective Association thanking the Sheriff's Department for a job well done.

Mary read a letter received from Avitar regarding a cost increase to the billing rate for utility work.

Public Participation-

No additional participation.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM; seconded by Traci, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant