

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
October 12, 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, Pat McCabe, Mike Homol, Beth Clark-Moulton, Joe Moulton, Jon Thomas, Keith Fulton and Phil Hajek.

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

September 28, 2021 Minutes reviewed; Traci made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Old Business-

Long Pond Turnaround:

Long Pond Road-

The Board discussed a previously received request to extend the plowing of Long Pond Road. Everett stated originally it was believed that a buffer of 50 feet existed between the Lempster/Washington town lines; but after extensive research it turns out the buffer is actually 125 feet. Everett moved that a letter be written to Mr. Olsen explaining after researching the deeds and the Long Pond Plat Plan that the Town not plow any further than we currently plow, seconded by Mary; all in favor.

Bridges:

Olds Road Bridge-

Daryl reported Steven's is still on schedule to complete by November 19th.

Crescent Lake Road /Wheeler Lane Bridges-

The steel beams are solid on both bridges; Daryl is having a hard time finding hemlock planks long enough for the bridges; he would like to replace the decking on both with cement slabs- he's waiting on pricing for the slabs.

Mill Road Bridge-

Daniels is working on permitting; season extension. Mary suggests a couple more pullovers be added in case travelers meet another vehicle. The bridge will take 4-6 weeks to complete; 2 weeks for the bypass alone. The old Culverts will be left in place.

Richardson Brook Dry Hydrant:

Daniels has the fittings; recommends extending the hydrant closer to the turnaround.

New Business-

South Road:

A request to extend the plowing of South Road where it meets Sand Pond Road and a load of gravel to fill pot holes was received from Kit Clark; that section of South Road is a Class 5.5 - Summer Maintenance only. No discussion, Traci is not against bringing a load of gravel.

Sale of the 2006 Dodge Highway Truck:

Daryl has received a standing offer on the Dodge for \$5,000.00; he inquired if the Board wants to accept the offer or place it out to bid. The Board will accept bids until October 26th; minimum bid of \$5,000.00 with plow and sander. The truck will be parked near the Lempster Fire Department.

Department Reports-

Highway Department:

Beaver Issue:

Beavers are building a dam near Grandview Road, the property owner stated to Daryl he could do whatever to abate them. Mary wants the landowner verified prior to any action on abating them.

South Pitkin Road:

No thruway sign is up. North Pitkin/Dodge Hollow Road Class VI portion is in need of a couple of loads of gravel. Mary inquired if the owner signed off on services; Everett mentioned laws may be different when a handicap person resides on a Class VI road. The road was used as a bypass road during the closure of Lovejoy Road.

Lovejoy Road:

Several potholes need filling on Lovejoy Road; Daryl explained that in order to slow the formation of potholes the center of the road would need to be raised and he is concerned the residents would not like it.

Culverts:

Culvert delivery date is still unknown; getting materials for the culverts is difficult.

The Highway Department is still waiting on Morton's road salt quote.

Scott Goodspeed:

Scott has concerns with any type of maintenance or plowing on Class VI roads as others will request the same; Mary agrees it could set a precedence.

Emergency Management:

Phil reported President Biden has declared a State of Emergency Declaration due to the July storm event. Initial request for funding has been submitted FEMA funding will be forthcoming. The Town will have an 18 month window to complete the approved repairs.

Emergency Management budget will be level funded with a few numbers being moved around within the details and a line for supplies will be added.

Fire Department:

Chief Thomas has been in contact with Scott Sweet from Daniels Construction; water will need to be relieved from the pond; owner Kathy Davis wants to keep enough water in the pond (6'-8') where the hydrant is going for the trout. Scott Goodspeed recommends getting the lowering of the water level of the pond in writing from Kathy Davis.

The Lempster Fire Department is looking for volunteers; currently the Department has 15 members. Pat McCabe offered to add a page to the Welcome to Lempster packet.

The Department is in need of sand bags and road cones; Jon is requesting to check if the ARPA Funds would cover the costs.

Department Radios:

With the exception of the base radio, all of the Department's radios are obsolete or will be soon. There are 6 radios total with a replacement cost of \$8,000.00-\$10,000.00 each. There is not enough money in the CIP to cover their replacement cost.

Mary inquired if they have checked if the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) would cover the cost; the 95/5 split grant will not cover communications.

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) 50/50 split grant with the possibility of a soft match may be available.

Phil explained the radios were purchased with a grant and by accepting the grant the Department agreed to replace the radios at their end of life.

Vehicle Repairs:

Tanker #1 and the Ladder truck both failed inspection.

The tanker needs air brakes, springs and an oil pan (\$5,442.64), the ladder truck needs rear air bags (\$2,542.25) and a new grill which is no longer available; it is a custom only item a one would need to be fabricated (\$2,500,00).

Everett asked if the grill was needed to pass inspection; the grill is not needed for inspection. Everett made a motion to approve a maximum of \$8,000.00 for the repairs, seconded by Traci; all in favor.

The funding will be split between the CIP and the operating budget.

Upcoming Events:

The department will be hosting one day seminars in October, the Ladies Auxiliary will be serving food.

Beth Clark-Moulton:

Beth read the Fire & Rescue monthly activity report.

Conservation Commission:

Phil speaking as the Conservation Commission's liaison asked the Board to appoint Lynda Perry to the Commission. Everett moves to appoint Lynda, seconded by Mary; all in favor.

River Road bridge has a passenger cars only sign; the CC would like to have it removed, they would like the Board to consider designating the River Road section as a designated trail, Mary advised Phil to draft a Warrant Article for Town Meeting, subject to gates and bars.

Administrative and Correspondence-

Pat McCabe presented the Supervisors of the Checklist 2022 budget request.

Mary would like a grant expenditure listed under the Fire Department to be reclassified.

David Richards had questions on the Planning Board & Forest Fire budget.

Public Participation-

Keith Fulton:

Keith expressed he will not sign the agreement written by Attorney Shklar for the use of Brown Road; Mary said the Board will run it by legal counsel again, Everett would like Robin to get an opinion from NHMA attorneys; Robin will contact NHMA.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM; seconded by Traci, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant