

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021**

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

Others Present: Barb Richards, Scott Goodspeed, David Richards, Daryl Simino, Al McNeill, Joe Moulton, Beth Clark-Moulton, Phil Tirrell, Jon Thomas, Kevin Onnela, Kyle Welsh, Scott Fusco and Seana Pope

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

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting held on October 26, 2021.

Everett moves to correct Wesley Ash's name and accept as otherwise written, seconded by Mary; all in favor.

Approve/Amend Minutes of the Public Hearing held on October 26, 2021.

Everett moves to accept as written, seconded by Mary; all in favor.

Old Business-

Olds Road Bridge:

K.A. Stevens has completed the wing walls and footings, they are currently working on the deck with the completion date still on schedule for around November 19, 2021.

Crescent Lake Road Bridge and Wheeler Lane Bridge:

The beams are in for Crescent Lake Bridge; approximate delivery date for both decks is two weeks.

Mill Road Bridge:

Daniels has moved in and are working on diverting the water, trees that were in the way have been removed. Mary inquired if the trees were removed from both the east and west sides; Daryl stated most of the trees were removed from the right side of the brook and some on the left.

New Business-

Beach Decals:

Mary, after talking with Linda and because of the increase of the Transfer Station decals, entertains a motion to charge \$1.00 per Beach Decal to cover the cost of the decals; discussion from the public regarding the increase of the Transfer Station Decals ensued.

Residents asked if it would be an unlimited number of Beach Decals issued to each family and couldn't that pose a problem with parking? Mary and Everett cannot foresee any issues with parking. Everett moves to charge \$1.00 per Beach Decal; seconded by Mary; motion passes.

Department Reports-

Highway-Daryl Simino Highway Supervisor:

There are three big culverts on Dodge Hollow Road FEMA wants headwalls and larger culverts installed; by Grayce Schmidt residence. Two of the culverts are 48+ and one is 18".

Allen Road repairs should be complete by Thursday; there is a 15” culvert by Daryl’s that keeps washing out and it should be replaced with a 24” culvert.

Daryl would like to purchase mud flaps or wheel well covers to protect the new Highway Department truck from rusting and damages. He would also like running boards and seat covers to protect the seats from damages; he will get prices to present to the Board.

Fire Department-Jon Thomas Chief:

Jon presented his Budget Request for 2022; budget request is up \$4,285.00 from \$60,450.00 to \$64,735.00. Increase is due to Dispatch increase of 3% with catchup in appropriation from under funding in 2021 included, increase in vehicle maintenance due to rising costs and \$2500.00 to replace the Air-Vac building filters. Daryl questioned the need to replace as frequently with the newer trucks and if there was a way to check if the filters needed to be changed first? Mary asked how often they needed to be replaced; Everett inquired if it was necessary to replace the filters every two years and if not changed would it effect the insurance coverage? Jon explained the need is based on the number of call outs the Department receives, Phil stated that Keene changes their filters every quarter and that changing the filters out every year is not unheard of.

Jon presented a list of items for end of year expenditures which includes miscellaneous gear and equipment. Hoods, helmets, gloves, boots, pants and coats, pagers and a safety tool that checks for live electricity.

Kyle Welch asked about using money left over from this year’s budget to purchase the filters or at least pay for half of them. Another option would be to take it out of the Town Building Repair CIP 012; Everett believes the Meeting House will be having two sides painted next year to come from CIP 012 as well.

Rescue Department-Beth Clark-Moulton Captain:

Beth presented her Budget Request for 2022; budget request is up 3% due to Dispatch – she will provide a detailed list to the Board. Some items needed for year-end expenditures are \$5,000.00 for medications from Valley Regional Hospital and additional batteries for the Defibrillator.

Fire/Rescue Monthly Calls Report was read.

Jon would like Daryl to call the Fire Department when roads are closed, Daryl calls Dispatch who should be relaying the information during emergency call outs.

Emergency Management-Phil Tirrell Director:

Phil made contact with Julia Chase regarding FEMA funding for the July storm, she provided our direct contact and he has passed it along to Edie; it’s basically a waiting game at this point.

Administrative and Correspondence-

Right to Inter – Signed by the Board.

New CARES Act & ARPA funds available – no answer received from GOFERR as to if the Fire Departments Radio’s will qualify for funding.

Olds Rd Contract - Signed by the Board.

Hazardous Waste Collection - Signed by the Board.

CIP Fund Requests - Signed by the Board.

Public Participation-

Kevin Onnela asked about moving the meetings back to the Town Office or the Fire Station for the purpose of access to WIFI in order to Live Stream the Selectmen's meetings. The Meeting house does have secured WIFI access; a guest password will be looked into for the next meeting.

Traci had asked Scott Fusco and Seana Pope to look into live streaming, Seana tried a test run for this meeting; which she was unable to do.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 PM; seconded by Everett, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant