

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
November 23, 2021**

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

**Others Present:** Scott Goodspeed, Doug Fellows, Beth Clark-Moulton, Phil and Rachel Tirrell, Wanda and Wes Ash, Kevin Onnela, Scott Fusco and Doug Pope

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

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting held on November 9, 2021.

Everett moves to accept as written, seconded by Mary; Traci abstains as she was absent; motion passes.

**Old Business-**

Mary updated those present on the following bridges and roads:

**Olds Road Bridge** should be open by November 24<sup>th</sup>, Eckman Engineering has inspected and approved the bridge for use.

**Crescent Lake Road and Wheeler Lane Bridges** tentative completion date is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Mill Road Bridge** progressing as scheduled, Daniels is currently working to get the abutments installed for November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Allen Road** blacktop was completed today.

**Mountain Road** blacktop scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ATV trail update:** Traci inquired if there would be a public hearing to decide if the trails would be open to others beside residents of Lempster, Phil explained that the trails on the East side of Route 10 are all on Class VI roads which the public has a right to use. The Club trails open in the beginning of May and were closed on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Some ATV riders may still try to use the trails, which has nothing to do with the ATV Club, it is an enforcement issue. Traci asked if the ATV's had to be registered in New Hampshire to use the trails; yes they must be registered in N.H. Phil explained by joining a club, there is a two million dollar liability insurance which covers landowner's. Traci asked how many members the club has; 69 current members. Phil went over miscellaneous grants the club has received for maintain the trails; which also benefits the Class VI roads.

The ATV club does require reauthorization by the Board of Selectmen every two years to continue to operate the trail system; no public hearing is required.

**New Business-**

**Dodge Hollow Culverts** with Board approval they can be started next week, it will take 5 days to complete, the headers are available from Michie. Traci asked if we ever thought of using Weed; Mary explained they don't have headers large enough for the job. Mary entertains a motion to accept, Traci moves to accept, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

### **Department Reports-**

None.

### **Administrative and Correspondence-**

Application for tax exemptions, applicant does not qualify; denied and signed by the Board.

ARPA funds of up to \$50,000.00 are available to apply for all of the Fire Departments mobile radios and one portable radio; Phil and Edie will start the paperwork. Scott G. asked if there were any strings attached to the grant; no strings other than it must be in response to or Covid related to qualify. 90/10 match.

Employee vacation request, signed by the Board.

FEMA funds for storm damages will not be received until after the first of the year.

Equalization Certificate, signed by the Board. Median ratio is low; the majority of properties that are being sold are selling for more than the assessed value.

Conservation Commission member Sue Lichty has resigned, Mary read her resignation letter which consisted of mainly her disappointment with the handling of beaver removals and Mill Pond. Phil mentions that Sue's opinion is not necessarily that of the Conservation Commission's.

The Rescue Department's list of year end supplies for purchase was received from Beth Clark-Moulton for Board approval.

The Fire Department list for year-end purchases was received at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Traci moves to approve not more than \$4,000.00 for the Fire Dept. and \$4,805.99 for the Rescue Dept. year-end purchases, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Mary commended the Highway Department on a job well done; Traci concurs.

### **Public Participation-**

Kevin Onnela asked for clarification on ATV use on the Class VI roads and designated trails that are currently shut down. He is correct that it is not legal for ATV's to use the trails or roads once they have been shut down for the season.

Scott G. inquired if there was any Town owned properties coming up for sale; no properties at this time.

Scott Fusco inquired of the WIFI guest password; the Board will have to check with Linda Callahan upon her return.

Kevin Onnela asked about the signs for the sharp corner on Mountain Road, Scott G. responded they have the signs but no poles at this time.

Scott G. asked what happens to the expired turnout gear, ultimately they would like to have two sets of gear for each member. Beth Clark-Moulton uses expired turnout gear as she does not enter any burning structures. Sometimes there are other towns that are in need of additional gear as well. The Fire Department tries to replace 2-3 sets per year from either their operating budget or CIP expenditures.

**Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel:**

At 7:54 PM Mary motions to enter non-public session, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

At 8:05 PM Mary moves, seconded by Traci to return to the public meeting; all in favor.

Mary moves to seal the minutes of the non-public session, seconded by Traci; all in favor.

Traci made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:13 PM; seconded by Mary, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara  
Administrative Assistant