

TOWN OF LEMPSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
**Approved Public Hearing Minutes**  
**February 8, 2022**

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

**Others Present:** Sharron Wallace, David Richards, Barbara Richards, Rachel Tirrell, Phil Tirrell, Lynda Perry, Linda Callahan, Scott Fusco, Seana Fusco, Andy Kapchensky, Carolyn Kapchensky, James Grenier, Joseph Moulton Jr., Beth Clark-Moulton, Jon Thomas, Scott Goodspeed, Kevin Onnela, Richard Fairweather, Becky Farrand, Marilyn Butler, and Daryl Simino.

Mary called the hearing to order at 6:30 PM.

Mary stated the Board is in agreement on the Warrant Articles being presented tonight and there will be no changes made to the Warrant, any changes will have to be made at Town Meeting.

The Warrant as presented was read by Mary, the below Articles were commented on as follows:

**Article 3 – Operating Budget**

Executive	Down \$7,635
Election & Registration	Up \$3,330
Financial Administration	No Change
Appraisal of Property	Up \$5,000
Legal Expenses	No Change
Personnel Administration	Up \$5,000
Planning Board	No Change
General Government Buildings	Up \$1,130 (Most changes to budgets are due to an increase in fuels)
Cemeteries	No Change
Insurance Property & Liability	Up \$2,300 (No control over the cost)
Contingency	Up \$588
Police Budget	No Change
Ambulance Service	No Change
Rescue Squad	Up \$4,599
Fire Department	Up \$6,880 (Chief Thomas increase split with Rescue- Mutual Aid)
Forest Fire	No Change
Building Inspection	No Change
Emergency Management	No Change (Question raised for Covid exp. EM Director Tirrell – personnel protection for all departments)
Highway Department	Up \$1,900 (Fuel)
Street Lights	No Change
Solid Waste	Up \$1,000
Health Officer	No Change
Animal Control	No Change
Health Agencies	No Change
Direct Assistance	No Change
Parks & Recreation	No Change
Library	No Change
Patriotic Purposes	No Change
Conservation Commission	No Change
Bonds & Notes – Principal	Up \$8,494 (Purchase of Highway Truck Art. 21 as voted in 2021)
Bonds & Notes - Interest	Down \$2,928

**Article 14 – Town Bridge ET**

Point of interest – over the past year as a result of the flood damages four bridges in Town have been repaired/replaced. There are only two remaining bridges in need of repairs/maintenance.

**Article 17 – Lease Payment, Highway Backhoe**

This is the final payment.

**Article 18 – Appropriate to Highway Equipment CR**

Money to come from the unassigned fund balance, a transfer of money. (Not raised through taxation)

**Article 20 – Long Pond Wharf**

Correct the spelling of “Bumper”, permits are already in place.

**Article 22 – Landfill Closure**

Testing wells are monitored 1-2 times per year.

**Article 23 – New Cemetery**

Separate from the Lawrence Johnson Estate Funds. (LJ funds cannot be used for this purpose)

**Article 25 – Professional Contingency Funds**

David Richards believes the CIP # is incorrect, he will check and let Robin know.

Jim Grenier mentioned that the Town did not need to borrow money due to a healthy fund balance to repair the damages caused by the July storm; damages totaling a million dollars.

Traci’s opinion of the 2022 Budget is that it is “pretty bare bones”.

Mary closed the hearing at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara  
Administrative Assistant