

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022**

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

Others Present: David Richards, Alvin McNeill, Scott Goodspeed, Kevin Onnela, Carolyn Kapchensky, Phil Tirrell, Rachel Tirrell, Ivan Wallace, Sharron Wallace, Wanda Ash, Wesley Ash, Frank Earthrowl, Daryl Simino and Bruce Mehlman.

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 May 24, 2022.

Traci moved to accept the May 24th minutes as written, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Old Business-

Carolyn Kapchensky – Recreational Committee:

At the May 24th Selectmen's meeting Carolyn had inquired about starting a recreational committee; she agreed to be placed on the next Board meeting to discuss her proposal. Carolyn presented her idea as a "weather report" for the Select board on recreation mentioning the Lempster Master Plan and residents desire to maintain the peace and quiet.

Discussion ensued amongst residents present; Everett reminded the attendees that this was not the ATV Meeting, that meeting will be held next week.

Department Reports-

Highway Department:

Verbal paving quotes (paper quotes to follow) for Mountain, Allen and Grandview Roads were received by Daryl. The quotes came in at about a third of the price as the previous quotes. Daryl explained Allen Road needs to be repaired to allow for plowing this winter; Mary would like him to get a quote for the necessary repairs.

Daryl mentioned the salt shed needs to be put up, there are approximately 30 culverts in need of replacement and the need to start saving for future blacktopping. Mary stated that after Mountain Road blacktopping is paid for, Lovejoy Road will be the next to be paved.

Everett asked if any of the culverts are ones that FEMA will cover, Daryl believes 15 culverts qualify for FEMA reimbursement.

Mary had spoken with Daryl earlier in the day and her suggestion is to have the Highway Department work on replacing the culverts and to get prices from contractors to put up the salt shed.

Traci moves to have the Highway Department work on replacing the culverts and to gather quotes for the salt shed, seconded by Mary; all in favor.

Mary discussed the Onspot tire chains that Scott would like to get for plowing. Phil Tirrell, David Richards and Kevin Onnela spoke out against them; Scott stated he would just keep running his tire chains. Daryl stated the tire chains chew up the tires and that the truck the Town purchased from the Town of Jackson is already setup to receive the Onspot chains. The salesman did inform the Highway Department that the chains need to be removed, cleaned and stored during the non-snow season. Traci asked David if the Fire Department had a set that the Highway could use, David stated they did not. Everett feels if the Highway Department thinks they'll work, they should try them on one truck.

Transfer Station:

Jim Jennison after attending the annual Solid Waste Conference presented in writing some ideas he felt would improve the Transfer Station, the Board reviewed Jim's suggestions. Mary and Daryl agreed that the Town would not benefit by purchasing a baler to bundle the cardboard and aluminum cans as Jim had suggested. Kevin Onnela inquired if the Town makes any money on aluminum cans; Daryl responded that the Town does.

Scott Goodspeed would like to see the T.S. charge for contractor bags as people are filling them with demo and throwing them in the compactor. Phil Tirrell stated that there was an increase in the T.S. decals to help cover the costs. Daryl stated that the MSW weight had increased by 25% during COVID and continues to climb this year.

David Richards asked why don't we just close the T.S. and have everyone pay for their own trash disposal.

Frank Earthrowl felt that the pay as you throw bags would stop people from throwing demo in the compactor as the purchased bags are very thin.

Mary informed those present that the Town is seeking to hire someone to work at the Transfer Station, salary negotiable and to please spread the word.

Administrative and Correspondence-

Primex CAP (Rate lock) Agreement; signed by Mary.

Intent to Cut Map/Lot 236/5; signed by the Board.

June 28th a vault lid will be replaced on a grave in the East Lempster Cemetery.

Mary asked Kevin Onella if he knew who mowed Earls Lane on the right-hand side; Kevin did not know who mowed.

Public Participation-

Kevin Onnela would like a printout of the legal amount paid to Upton & Hatfield from January 1, 2020 to date.

Phil Tirrell let the Board know that Conservation Committee members Lynda Perry and John Nowak attended a workshop through the NH Trails Bureau regarding information on the RTP Grant program which is an 80/20 match to replace the bridge on River Road. River Road is a class VI road on the Lempster side, Daryl is concerned that repairing the bridge will draw four wheelers and side by sides to the area. Town monies will not be used for this project.

Mary inquired if Phil had heard anything more regarding FEMA funding for the July 2021 storm, He has not.

Al McNeill wanted to know when the Highway's 6 wheeler will be getting the Town seals, Daryl is working on getting them.

Sharron Wallace thanked everyone for their generous donations to the Flags for Lempster group; they were able to replace 50 of the 75 American made flags this year and are working on getting better hardware.

Sharron advised that the Supervisors of the Checklist have upgraded their computers to the required operating system.

Sharron said the Old Home Day committee is working hard on this year's celebration and are planning some exciting new things.

Phil Tirrell mentioned that there was a gathering on the island at Long Pond with 12 tents and camp fires, he was concerned with the nesting loons on the backside of the island. The State Police were called.

Traci made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 PM; seconded by Everett, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant