

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting
Minutes August 23,
2022**

Board Present: Mary Grenier, Everett Thurber and Traci Homol
Edie Bednarczyk, Clerical Assistant

Others Present: Daryl Simino, Phil Tirrell, Read Gildner-Blinn, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Kevin Onnela, Scott Goodspeed, David Richards, Hope Damon, Ted Kraus, Vanessa Keith, McKenzie French, Joseph Moulton, Jr, Beth Clark-Moulton, Sydney French, Cody Johansen, Richard Fairweather.

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

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting held on August 9, 2022. Traci moves to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

New Business-

Hope Damon introduced herself as a candidate for State Representative. Hope mentioned the redistricting, which means Lempster will have three Reps total. It was clarified by Everett that the Selectboard was not endorsing anyone.

Old Business-

Kaeleen Fallon – Meeting House Pricing. Kaeleen was not present; Traci will call her.

Highway Department:

Salt Shed – No new bids. Possible to do the work in-house. Daryl will do a quote to have the Highway Dept do the work.

Shrenk Road Bridge – Waiting on the engineer and pricing on a cement deck from Miche for raising the bridge. Also waiting to talk to FEMA about Mitigation.

Long Pond Wharf Replacement – No new quotes. The permit does not expire for a couple of years.

Transfer Station:

Compactor – Needs a slab. Bid from Stevens to grade and shape. Motion made by Everett to accept Stevens bid. Seconded by Traci. All in favor.

Fee Schedule – Selectmen want to look at other town's fees. They are not interested in pay-per-throw. Daryl stated that tipping and trucking fees are going up and all tonnage has gone up. Vanessa Keith said that Lempster's fees are low.

Department Reports-

Fire & Rescue Department:

Beth Clark-Moulton presented the Fire and Rescue Report for July and August to date. Beth requested to use monies from the Rescue Department budget for equipment and training. Everett motioned to allow Rescue to spend no more than \$1600 for Equipment. Seconded by Traci. All in favor. Everett motioned to allow Rescue to spend no more than \$1400 for EMT Course. Seconded by Traci. All in favor.

*Beth also requested \$1000 from the budget to cover the *insurance* deductible for the damaged *Cardiac Monitor*.

Beth Clark-Moulton requested for Jon Thomas (not present) to use monies from the Fire Department budget for one set of gear and six new pagers with programming. The total would be \$8929.00. Everett motioned to allow the Fire Department to spend \$8929.00 from their budget. Seconded by Traci. All in favor.

The Fire Department is also looking at drywall repair quotes.

Everett asked for the Inventory from Fire & Rescue, which was due April 1. Beth said she will bring it into the office. Everett asked that this be added to Old Business.

Administrative and Correspondence-

Timber Warrant – signed by the Board.

Right to Inter – signed by Board.

Budget Review – Mary stated that the town is at 69% at the end of 8 months.

FEMA Site Inspections – scheduled for August 25 and September 2, 2022.

Miscellaneous – Everett read the boating rules for Long Pond. The rules need to be posted at the boat launch.

Public Participation-

Several residents brought up noise, fire and police, impacts on surrounding towns, and transparency concerns with the drift track.

Scott Goodspeed asked about the new Fire Department radios being installed in personal vehicles. Phil Tirrell answered that they were installed, as before, in the Chief, Deputy, Captain, and Rescue Captain vehicles.

Everett made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM, seconded by Traci; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Bednarczyk
Clerical Assistant

Addendum: The next Selectboard meeting will be held at the Meeting House at 4 PM.

**As Amended EB/rc*