

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2023**

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

**Others Present:** Scott Goodspeed, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Read Gildner-Blinn, Daryl Simino, David Richards, Jim Grenier, Kevin Onnela, Deputy Yazinski and Representative Hope Damon.

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Approve/amend the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on March 28, 2023. Traci moves to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Mary moves to nominate Traci as Select Board Chair, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

**Old Business**

**Highway Department:**

Shrenk Road Bridge – The deck is sitting on a trailer ready to go; Daryl explained that a crane will be required to install it. The date of installation has not been set yet.

Long Pond Wharf Replacement - Paul Manson has been contacted and plans to start as soon as the snow and ice allow, Daryl checked the condition of Long Pond and feels it is almost ready for Paul to start the wharf.

Culverts damaged by the flood in July 2021 – The Highway will be starting on culvert replacements after mud season, they will be concentrating on those not requiring hydraulic studies by FEMA. FEMA is requesting H&H studies on Coach, Mill, School and Lovejoy Roads.

**Transfer Station:**

Fee Schedule – A work session will be scheduled prior to discussing at the regular Board meeting.

**New Business**

Representative Hope Damon has been in contact with the legislative liaison at D.O.T. to discuss what action at the intersection of Mountain Road, Route 10 and 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike can be taken. She stated that the prior beacon, if on a wooden utility pole, was removed due to the utility companies not approving the use of their poles. She advised that the Town can do whatever they want on Mountain Road, but not on Second NH Turnpike. Several options were discussed for Mountain Road, the Board is pondering if a flashing stop sign is the best option; Daryl will get prices for the Board to review.

A meeting with the D.O.T. will be scheduled with tentative dates at this time of April 27 and May 5, 2023; Representative Damon feels the best date for everyone so far appears to be May 5<sup>th</sup>. Representative Damon stated that D.O.T. recommends the Town file a D.O.T. Road Safety Audit and that we have the attention of our legislators.

Traci was contacted regarding Newport Youth Softball utilizing the field (Ball Park Road) for games, they will clean it up and make necessary repairs. Mary makes a motion to allow, seconded by Everett; all in favor. Traci will inquire if Lempster children will be allowed to play as well.

### **Department Reports**

Deputy Ethan Yazinski updated the Board on the calls the Sheriff's Department has been covering since December. They will continue the Long Pond patrols with optional scheduling.

Highway Department – Daryl updated the Board on Equipment repairs. The department has been raking and grading the roads trying to get the mud to dry out sooner.

### **Administrative and Correspondence**

The following documents were signed by the Board:

Timber Warrant, Excavation Warrant, Intent to Excavate, Veteran's Exemption and Health Officer Appointment.

### **Public Participation-**

Jim Grenier told Traci she will do a good job as Chairman of the Board.

### **Non-Public RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) Reputation**

At 7:41 PM Traci moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

At 7:53 PM Traci moves, seconded by Mary to end the non-public session and return to the public meeting; all in favor.

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

Robin inquired about a reclamation bond for a pending excavation permit; Everett recommends Robin contact Mark Adams as the type of bond the property owner would like to provide places a burden on the Town.

Traci moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM, seconded by Mary; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara  
Administrative Assistant