

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023**

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

Others Present: Daryl Simino, David Richards, Barbara Richards, Becky Farrand, McKenzie French, Beth Clark-Moulton, Joseph Moulton and Maren Ardell.

As acting Chair, Everett 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 April 11, 2023. Mary moves to accept the minutes, seconded by Everett to accept the minutes as written; all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Shrenk Road Bridge – Daryl Simino explained the job has yet to be scheduled.

Long Pond Wharf Replacement – The wharf has been completed; Mary declares it is beautiful. Everett was able to take photos which he shared with those in attendance.

Culverts – Daryl went over several locations where culverts need to be replaced; Everett would like a written inventory from Daryl of culverts which require replacement.

Mountain Road Intersection – The Board reviewed a quote from Fastenal for solar flashing stop and stop ahead signs. Daryl explained the differences in the warranty and battery life of the cheap vs. expensive signs and inquired what the Board would like to do. Everett moves to purchase the sign Daryl thinks would be best, seconded by Mary; all in favor.

Becky Farrand wanted to know if there would also be a hanging blinking light at the intersection, the Board explained that Mountain Road is the only Town road at the intersection; Second NH Turnpike and Route 10 are State roads.

Paving Quotes for Mountain and Grandview Roads were reviewed and discussed. Daryl suggests they pave Mountain Road over Grandview due to the amount of money the Town has invested in Mountain Road and the volume of traffic. The Board will wait to decide when they have a full board present.

Transfer Station:

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

Daryl asked the Board if they would like to have the Highway Department complete the packer pad as KA Stevens has not completed the pad or returned his calls. Mary would like Robin to call Stevens tomorrow for an update.

New Business

None presented.

Department Reports

Fire/Rescue – Beth read the March through April calls for service and trainings the department has had. She expressed the need for daytime calls for licensed medical staff as two calls had no licensed staff respond. Washington NH has a per diem staff person during the day. Beth mentioned that Washington does have its own ambulance therefore, it is a little different than Lempster.

Daryl mentioned that the Washington highway crew must have training in fire and rescue and be certified to run the transfer station. They are normally in town during the day to respond as needed; it may be something for the Lempster to consider.

Everett read an email received from Chief Thomas.

Highway Department – Daryl would like to know what the Board would like to do with the ditching material the department pulls from the ditches; normally they give it to nearby residents rather than hauling it to the Highway Department. He just wants to be certain this is ok or if they would like it hauled back to the highway garage. Everett and Mary agree to distribute the material to residents that are close by and would like it.

Administrative and Correspondence

Budget Review – The operating budget expenditures are at 25.6% through today.

The following documents were signed by the Board:

Friends of the Library Meeting House Rental, signed by the Board.

Time off Request, signed by the Board.

Everett mentioned there was a hold up on the painting of the Meeting House as the friends want a say in the color choice, Everett has a call into the contractor.

Public Participation-

David Richards inquired about NH the Beautiful recycle bins, he has asked Jim Jennison about them; the Board feels Jim will take care of the information and get back to David.

Mary moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant