

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Draft Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2023**

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

Others Present: Daryl Simino, David Richards, James Grenier, Phil Tirrell, Irene Landry, Phil Landry, Joseph Burnham, Maren Ardell, Kevin Onnela, Joe Moulton, Read Gildner-Blinn, Scott Goodspeed and Alvin McNeill, Jr.

Traci 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 25, 2023. Mary moves to accept the minutes, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Approve/amend the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on May 9 and May 11, 2023. Traci moves to accept the May 9 and May 11, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Shrenk Road Bridge – Bridge replacement is scheduled for June 1, 2023, the highway department crew will prep the site next week.

Culverts – No update.

Mountain Road Paving- Pike will begin paving on Friday May 26, 2023 beginning at Route 10.

Beaver Issues- Daryl discussed numerous locations where the beavers are/have built dams which are/will compromise the integrity of the roads.

Transfer Station:

Fee Schedule – Traci mentioned the attendants have a problem with sofa/loveseat being combined on the price list, and she wanted to clarify that the \$10.00 fee for contractor bags does not pertain to household trash, it is still free.

The option still remains to implement pay as you throw; all refuse will then have a fee for disposal.

Everett stated he has done research on what surrounding towns are charging, Lempster is still charging under what others charge. Claremont for instance charges \$200.00 per pickup load regardless of what it contains; including household trash.

Mary moves to accept the fees, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

A resident has requested to be allowed to dump logs in the burn pit; anything over 5” in diameter is not allowed to be burned. An exception was made to allow the resident to dump 2 loads of logs at the stump dump, provided they are untreated.

General:

Slab for Compactor- Daryl will provide specs on the job; the Board voted to place the job back out for bids with a submission deadline of June 27, 2023. The job must be completed by September 30, 2023.

Safety Lights/Speed Sign- Traci spoke with Sheriff Simonds regarding the speed sign; the department is currently repairing it and will place it in various locations near the intersection of Route 10, Second NH Turnpike and Mountain Road.

New Business

Goshen Highway Department inquired if the Town of Lempster would entertain, for a fee, spraying liquid calcium on Goshen's roads until they can acquire their own equipment. After much discussion it was decided that the Lempster Highway crew has too many projects to send a man to Goshen.

Department Reports

Fire/Rescue Report – Joe Moulton read the activity report for the Departments through May 23. Joe mentioned the need for daytime medical/fire staff.

Robin inquired as to the status of the Rescue Inventory, Joe will check with the Rescue Captain.

Highway Department – Daryl has ordered the liquid calcium and repaired sprayer.

The blinking stop sign for Mountain Road will be installed this week. Complaints of speeders on Mountain Road were received; Traci will speak to the Sheriff for extra patrols on the mountain.

Conservation Commission- Phil explained that the CC has hired Matt Magnusson from Dover to trim the apple trees in the Town Orchard, in hopes of getting the trees to produce more fruit. Matt will be arriving Thursday or Friday May 25/26 and will be camping there for 5 days; the Sheriff Department will be notified. Matt will return in the fall for pruning and again next spring to complete the cutting.

June 3, 2023 is National Trails Day; the CC will be making a new trail from the Long Pond Beach parking area and connecting to Moose Trail; volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend. The event will run from 10:00 A.M - 1:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served at the Pavilion.

On May 31, 2023 the CC will hold a roadside cleanup beginning at the intersection of Route 10 and Second NH Turnpike up to Lempster Street. Meet at the Town Office at 4:30 P.M.

Administrative and Correspondence

Budget Review – The budget expended to date is 30.41%.

The Board appointed Scott Goodspeed to the Planning Board as an Alternate – Oath of Office signed by the Board.

Letter of Support for Sullivan County – Safe Streets and Roads Grant, Traci read the letter and with full support from the Board the letter of support was signed by Traci.

Right to Inter – Signed by the Board.

Intent to Cut, Map/Lot 210-005 – Signed by the Board.

Public Participation-

Long Pond Residents' Concerns- Several residents voiced concerns over the condition of Long Pond Road and requested the road be graded; Daryl explained the road has been graded a couple of times. The problem is the road requires material be brought in as there is nothing to grade. The condition of the roadside ditches were also of concern as you can't see them.

Concerns were voiced regarding a better solution for plowing snow than into/onto residents' yards; the Board explained that Long Pond Road has a 50' R.O.W. measuring 25' from the center of the road.

Maren Ardell inquired if the flowerpots on the bridge would be in the way of the grader; she will wait to place them there until the grading has been completed.

Veteran Flags and Reenactment- Al McNeill wanted to thank Everett for a job well done for the ceremony of placing flags on the graves of veterans in the East Lempster Cemetery. Al felt the children that helped place the flags enjoyed it a great deal.

Everett gave a hats off to the following 'soldiers' Ivan Wallace- the Revolutionary War, Reggie Shepard – the French/Indian War and Glenn Wirkkala – Militia . (Everett represented the Civil War).

Dodge Pond Beach Area- Phil inquired if there was anything that could be done regarding the road and beach area. Traci stated that eventually she would like to have sand placed at the beach.

Non-Public RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) Personnel

At 8:19 PM Mary moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Traci; all in favor.

At 8:36 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.

Traci moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant