

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023**

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

Others Present: Daryl Simino, David Richards, Rachel Tirrell, Phil Tirrell, Wanda Ash, John Peacock, Linda Callahan, Jim Strickland, Kevin Onnela, EJ Welch, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Scott Goodspeed, Geraldine Burnham, Joe Burnham, Charlie Olson, Eddie Bruno, Ted Kraus, Maren Ardell, Steve Zakur and Ann Astarita.

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 May 23 2023. Everett moves to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Traci; all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Shrenk Road Bridge – Bridge has been installed; the Board reviewed a quote from CWS for the Guardrails. Everett moves to allow Daryl to order the guardrails for \$4,340.00, seconded by Traci; all in favor.

Culverts – The Highway Department has not installed any culverts; they are currently resurfacing Lovejoy Road which could take up to three weeks to complete. Everett asked if we should hire outside help to help with culvert installation, Daryl explained there are some culverts that FEMA is requesting hydraulic studies on. Traci does not wish to hire outside help at this time.

Everett and Daryl will get together to prioritize culvert replacements.

Mountain Road Paving- Pike has completed the paving, the Highway Department needs to replace the shoulders.

Beaver Issues- Traci reported that Dodge Pond is back to normal after numerous culvert cleanings by the Homol family. She has not seen the beaver and feels they must have tired him out and he has moved on.

The HD has been cleaning the culvert on Hamlin Road as the beavers have returned there.

Wanda Ash reported that on Lovejoy Road there are four lodges and a dam which measures 12 feet compromising her property and Lovejoy Road. Traci will contact abutting property owners for permission to enter their property in order to trap the beavers.

Sue Lichty sent information on how to build a Beaver Deceiver; Rachel Tirrell stated under the CC tab on the website there is a video as well.

Flashing Stop Sign Mountain Road – The sign has been installed and is working well. Traci feels the sign and pavement are awesome. Kevin Onnela inquired as to the cost of the sign, Daryl replied all said and done it was approximately \$2,100.00; Kevin stated even if it saves

one life it is worth it.

The question was raised if there were any plans on putting the lines back on Mountain Road; Everett explained there is a down side to not striping but no striping is planned at this time.

Transfer Station:

Slab for Compactor- The request for bids has been posted, with a submission deadline of June 27, 2023, by Noon. EJ Welch recommends that the Town reaches out to Carol and Weed so they can reach out to their contractors; Traci will reach out to Weeds.

Fee Schedule – A resident asked for clarification on the \$10.00 fee for contractor bags, Traci explained again that it does not pertain to household trash - only C&D.

New Business

Hidden Valley Sno-riders – Jim Strickland was in requesting permission from the Board for the club to continue as they have since 1998 the trails approved in the past. Jim explained there have been no changes or additions and requested the Board consider signing for an indefinite term; Traci moves to accept the trails indefinitely, seconded by Everett; all in favor. The Board signed the agreement.

Illegal Dumping on Mill Road and South Road – Everett picked up 19 tires dumped on Mill Road (prior to the fee increase) and the Highway Department has picked up 2 loads.

Traci let it be known that there have been cameras installed in various locations and whoever is dumping will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

Open Wells – Traci has concerns with a crumbled cover at the Fire Station, Phil Tirrell explained it is not a well, it is a drain. Traci asked David Richards if he has covered his open well, David stated it is not a well.

Administrative and Correspondence

Right to Inter – Signed by the Board.

Aries email – requesting additional funds for well testing at the old landfill; approved by the Board.

FEMA in person meeting 9AM tomorrow, Everett will attend.

Resignation received from Mary Grenier. Traci read Mary's resignation letter; June 30, 2023 will be Mary's last day.

Time off Request – Signed by the Board.

Public Participation-

Long Pond Residents' Concerns- Several residents voiced additional concerns over the condition of Long Pond and Loon Loop. The Highway Department went up for a full day hauling gravel and grading, they were able to complete to the beach entrance. Daryl explained the highway department had Shrenk Road bridge replacement scheduled and the paving of Mountain Road. They have 40 culverts that need replacing by October for FEMA reimbursement, Lovejoy Road resurfacing and winter sand to put up on the schedule.

Traci took a ride up to Long Pond prior to the meeting and is astounded that people are complaining, she feels the road is fine and suggests they slow down, the Highway Department has 50 miles of roads to maintain. She mentioned having Phil sign a waiver of liability and having him fill in the potholes with a load of gravel dropped off by the HD, Everett does not want to set a precedent by doing that; Traci agrees with Everett's decision.

Jennifer Gildner-Blinn was very sorry to hear of Mary's resignation and inquired as to the next steps to be taken; it was explained the remaining Board will appoint someone after June 30. At Town Meeting there will be two positions for Selectmen on the ballot, one three year term and a one year term.

The boat that was left at Earl's Lane has been removed.

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

At 7:57 PM Traci moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

At 8:39 PM Traci moves, seconded by Everett 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