

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2023**

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

**Others Present:** Daryl Simino, David Richards, Phil Tirrell, Linda Callahan, Kevin Onnela, Scott Goodspeed, Ted Kraus, Pat McCabe and Jon Thomas.

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

Traci spoke of the tremendous loss to the Town with the recent passing of Selectman Mary Grenier, she will be missed by all.

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

Approve/amend the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on June 13, 2023. Traci moves to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

**Old Business**

**Transfer Station:**

Slab for Compactor- Traci opened and read the following bids:

AKSA - \$3,500.00

Starcher Property Services - \$6,000.00

KA Stevens - \$15,500.00

Traci moves to accept AKSA's bid, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

**Highway Department:**

Shrenk Road Bridge – Daryl has ordered the guardrails, it will be 5-6 weeks before they arrive.

Culverts – The Highway Department will start culvert replacements in July.

Mountain Road Shoulders- Daryl stated once the rain subsides they will start pulling up some of the courser material.

Beaver Issues- Traci has contacted a newly licensed young man to eliminate the beavers on Lovejoy Road, Daryl has found a man that with written abutters permission will be able to remove the dams and huts via boat.

Open Wells – Traci inquired about the abandoned well near the Fire Department, Chief Thomas will take a look at it and contact Traci with his findings.

Traci asked David Richards if he had covered his open well, David stated it is not a well. Traci is concerned that a small child or animal could fall in and not be able to get out, Everett asked David if he were to build a cover for David would he cover it or is it a matter of principal at this time? David responded it is a matter of principal. Everett then stated since it's a matter of principal, where did you get the tar in front of your garage? David explained he took it off his land after Mountain Road paving so he could mow his grass.

## New Business

Dodge Pond Sand – (Incorrectly listed under Old Business on the agenda)  
Traci inquired if the Highway Department would bring a load of washed sand for the beach area, she has volunteers lined up to spread it, and Daryl responded they would.

ATV Trail Fulton's Pit Edge – Traci mentioned that the ATV's need to stay on the grass and off the road; Phil will have more signs put up.

Wedding Parking Request – The Town received a request to use the parking area near the Fire Station; Jon will contact the requester to outline the area that may be used.

## Department Reports

Highway Department – Daryl stated there needs to be culverts changed near Loon Loop. Phil commended Scott on a job well done re-banking Long Pond Road near McPhees property, Ted Krause seconded the motion and mentioned that the culvert near Splake Road is blocked and the water just sits in the ditches, Daryl stated he is aware of it.

Fire/Rescue Department – Chief Thomas gave condolences on behalf of the Fire Department to the Grenier Family on Mary's passing.

Jon asked the Board about utilizing Town land in the right back corner of the Fire Station for building training props including but not limited to; a tower and a burn structure. They would like to hold trainings in conjunction with surrounding towns utilizing grant money for firefighters having a 95/5% split. Concerns for cost to build and maintain, insurance and security were raised; Jon will gather the requested information.

Jon updated the Board on the department's activities.

Jon has been working on the first draft agreement for special event coverages.

Conservation Commission – Tom Peplinski (Drift NE) contacted Phil and would like to meet with the CC, the Fire Department and the Selectmen. The meeting is scheduled for July 12 at 5:00pm at the Fire Station.

Traci thanked the CC for the work done at Long Pond Beach, but wanted to let it be known the Board did not give permission for them to do what they did. The Board gave permission to fill the hole by the entrance gate and cover the roots near the pavilion. Phil said he misunderstood and thought the CC was given permission to take over the maintenance of the beach area; Traci stated they were not given permission to take over maintenance.

The CC will be performing maintenance on the Duck Pond Trail on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Administrative and Correspondence

Budget Review – 37.29% of the operating budget has been spent to date.

Review Avitar's Abatement Recommendation – NHEC – Signed by the Board.

Unlicensed Dog Warrant – Signed by the Board.

## **Public Participation-**

**CIP Interest-** Kevin Onnela asked Traci if anything had been done in regards to where the CRF's are invested. Traci explained she had given the Trustees of the Trust Funds several options but it is up to the Trustees where the money is invested; she will reach out to them again.

**Old Home Day Committee-** Pat McCabe was concerned with the OHD Committee's funding, Traci stated she will be volunteering her services as the DJ this year and does not want volunteers spending their own money. Pat thanked Traci and felt her donating her services would be very helpful.

Scott Goodspeed voiced his concerns over the Fire Departments plans to build a training facility and asked if surrounding towns would be paying a fee for its use; where would the money go and what about insurance costs to the Town? Traci stated the money would go to the Town and it has not been approved by the Board.

Scott also asked if the Ordinance for special events would need to go before the Town. It was explained it was not that type of ordinance.

## **Non-Public RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) Employee**

At 8:00 PM Traci moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

At 8:32 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.

Robin inquired if the Board wished to withdraw the Olds Road Bridge project from FEMA or wait for FEMA's determination letter; the Board will wait for FEMA's determination letter.

Traci moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara  
Administrative Assistant