

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2023**

**Board Present:** Traci Homol, Everett Thurber and Mark Lightner

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

**Others Present:** David Richards, Kevin Onnela, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Scott Goodspeed, Daryl Simino, Sharron Wallace, Deputy Sergeant Ethan Yazinski and Maren Ardell.

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 July 25, 2023. Traci moves to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

**Old Business**

**Highway Department:**

Shrenk Road Bridge – Guardrails on hold repairing storm damages.

Culverts – On hold repairing storm damages.

Mountain Road Paving – Review Bid(s) for shoulder work, the Board will wait for bids from All State Paving and Pike Industries.

**New Business**

Mark looked into the Town utilizing volunteers to help repair the roads. He discovered that our insurance provider will cover volunteers. The Highway Supervisor would be required to supervise the volunteers at all times; Everett stated using volunteers isn't viable without hiring a fourth man for the Highway Department.

**Department Reports**

Sullivan County Sheriff's Department – Deputy Sergeant Ethan Yazinski presented the department's activities from April 1 – August 8; they received 83 calls, not all were covered by them and there was nothing big to report. He inquired if the Board had a preference for what hours they would like; the Board's preference was random hours.

Deputy Sergeant Yazinski shared a current scam involving the department; there is a person making phone calls stating he is from the department he identifies himself as "Sargeant Davis", the department does not employ anyone by that name nor would they call asking for personal information.

David Richards asked how the drone was going; Ethan said it was going great, they are acquiring larger drones and licensing more deputies to operate them.

Highway Department – Daryl gave an update on the condition of the roads due to the rain event on July 10-11, 2023. Stage, Charlestown Extension and Allen Roads are done excepting rip-rip and pavement on Allen Road.

They are gaining on Lovejoy Road and are hoping to have two lanes opened by the end of the day tomorrow. There are a few spots on Benway Hill left, Mill Road is impassable and Hurd Pond Road is in need of a couple of culverts.

The department also needs to get their winter sand put up.

Traci voiced appreciation for the Highway Departments hard work.

### **Administrative and Correspondence -**

The Board reviewed the quote from Greg Lynch for painting window sashes at the Meeting House the money to come from CIP 012 (Town Building Repairs). Traci makes a motion to accept Greg's quote for \$1,560.00, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Traci emailed both Governor Lynch and Senator Shaheen along with the Sullivan County Commissioners regarding the need for declaring a State of Emergency; Traci read Governor Sununu's response.

Traci moves to confirm the appointment of Danielle Melvin as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, seconded by Mark; all in favor. Mark added the appointment of Danielle is because Edie Bednarczyk is retiring.

The Town has received a check for \$106,939.61; for the July 2021 road damages. Jennifer Gilner-Blinn asked if that was what we expected to receive; it was explained that it was for one project at 90% of what FEMA approves of the associated costs to the Town.

### **Public Participation-**

Kevin Onnela inquired if the interest paid on the CIP's had been addressed, Traci will reach out to the Trustees of Trust Funds again.

Sharron Wallace – Sharron spoke about the events scheduled for Old Home Day this year and the need for additional volunteers to put it together in the future. Lempster boasts the oldest Old Home Day in New Hampshire; 2023 marks 124 consecutive years.

Traci hopes to see everyone at Old Home Day, with a special thank you to the volunteers for doing such a great job.

Sharron has put together a flyer including contact information on various organizations in town; she will be handing them out at Old Home Day in hopes of attracting more people to become involved in the community.

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

At 7:44 PM Traci moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

At 8:28 PM Traci moves, seconded by Mark 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 moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara  
Administrative Assistant