

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2023**

Board Present: Traci Homol, Everett Thurber and Mark Lightner

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: David Richards, Phil Tirrell, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Scott Goodspeed and Daryl Simino.

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 August 8, 2023. Everett moves to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Traci; all in favor.

Traci announced that Old Home Day was a great success and thanked the volunteers for a job well done. Phil added that the Fire Department's breakfast did well too.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Shrenk Road Bridge – The posts are up for the guardrails.

Culverts – No culverts have been replaced.

Mountain Road Paving – Review Bid(s) for shoulder work - United \$76,936.00 and All States \$33,012.50. Traci moves to accept All States bid, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

New Business

None

Department Reports

Highway Department – Daryl updated the Board on recent equipment breakdowns- the grader's alternator and the loader's water pump.

The department has been putting up the winter sand and shouldering Grandview Road.

Daryl asked the Board what they would like him to do on Mill Road as it is still impassable; the Board would like to see Mill Road roughed in to allow for passage.

July 2023 Storm- Daryl presented a paving quote for Allen Road damages sustained during the storm. He mentioned that there are two 3' culverts that should be upsized to 4' culverts, hopefully preventing the road from washing out during heavy rainfalls. A homeowner is willing to pay for a new 4' culvert on his property if the town upsizes the town culvert. Mark suggests we have the property owner sign a letter of agreement.

Lovejoy Road has minimal repairs done at this time, base layer only.

Traci feels that Allen Road, Lovejoy and Grandview roads should be top priority in that order.

Fire/Rescue Report – No report given. Phil Tirrell on behalf of the Rescue Department handed in their annual inventory.

Forest Fire- David Richards requested the ok to purchase the following items:

1. 5 Backpacks \$1,150.00
 2. 1 Drip Torch \$170.00
 3. 1 Drip Torch for MSR \$100.00
 4. 5 pair of Pants for members \$565.00
- Shipping \$50.00

For a total of \$2,035.00. Everett moves to allow no more than \$2,035.00 to be spent on the items, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Administrative and Correspondence –

NRRA Contract – Signed by Chairman Homol.

Right to Inter (2) – Signed by the Board.

Employee Time off Request (2) - Signed by the Board.

Public Participation-

Phil Tirrell presented a letter from The Lempster Trailblazer's Trail Master Keith Chadwick requesting the Board authorize the use of Mountain Road from Bean Mountain Road to the Washington town line. The letter states "This road was on the list of requested trails at the last public hearing and has met the legal requirements to be acted upon without any additional hearings." Discussions ensued on ATV & UTV usage in town and abutting towns. Traci moves to authorize the above section of Mountain Road, seconded by Mark, Everett abstains; motion carries.

Traci moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant