

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023**

Board Present: Traci Homol, Everett Thurber and Mark Lightner

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: David Richards, Al McNeill, Scott Goodspeed, Maren Ardell, Ted Kraus, Phil Tirrell, Bob Devits 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 September 12, 2023. Traci moves to accept the minutes as devised, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – The department is working on Charlestown Extension and Waldren Road culverts. They will be grading Lovejoy Road and Benway Hill this week.

Mountain Road Paving –All States has begun shouldering, they are shouldering between paving jobs.

New Business

Brian Yun (Map/Lot 241-21) had inquired about purchasing Map/Lot 241-20, on Long Pond Road from the Town. The PRC is noted as a possible water tower site for the Town's use. It was discussed that the lot could possibly hold a conservation easement; tabled for further research on the lot.

President Biden has declared a disaster for the July 9-17, 2023 rain event, we have applied for relief.

Tom Peplinski from Drift New England is holding a Toy Drive and was inquiring if Lempster's children could benefit from the drive. Traci would like to discuss a Christmas get together at the Meeting House. Phil Tirrell added that the Ladies Auxiliary holds an annual coat drive and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets.

Dodge Pond - Traci stated that the water level is at a critical level and the trappers are working on abating the beavers.

HOC Roadside Clean-up – Traci talked with the Sheriff about having a crew from Sullivan County HOC perform roadside cleanup. The Board discussed which roads they would like to see done, it was agreed to have Lovejoy, Allen and 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike done.

Department Reports

Highway Department – Daryl would like to purchase cameras/monitors for the three trucks at \$420.00 per truck. Traci moves to allow the purchase, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Daryl has been looking for a place to purchase winter deep tread tires since Cheever Tire closed, Bellows Falls Tire carries them; Robin will submit a credit application.

If Daryl can lift the compactor he would like to put a second sliding door on the opposite side for filling ease.

The Department has reshaped Mill Road and is now passable.

The Lempster Unity town line sign, along with other street signs have been stolen; Daryl is requesting that a member of the BOS meet with a selectman from Unity to agree on the location of the town lines in order to replace the sign. Traci will move the cameras around in hopes of catching the responsible person(s) in the act.

Administrative and Correspondence –

Budget Review - 65.4% of the operating budget has been spent to date.

Employee Time Off – Signed by the Board.

Rescue Squad damages- The Board reviewed pictures of the 2014 Rescue vehicle damages sustained at an unknown location to decide if they would turn a claim into the insurance company which has a \$1,000.00 deductible. The Highway Department offered to make the repairs, concerns were raised on sending the vehicle to the Highway Department and taking it out of service. Traci asked for the code to the Fire Department so the Highway Department could repair the rescue vehicle there. Traci moves to have the Highway Department repair the vehicle, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Public Participation-

Maren Ardell revisited the need for the painting of lines on the road; Daryl will get prices to review.

There being no further business, Traci moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant