

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2023**

Board Present: Traci Homol, Everett Thurber and Mark Lightner

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: David Richards, EJ Welch, Scott Goodspeed, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Read Gildner-Blinn, Linda Callahan, Hope Damon 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 October 10, 2023. Traci moves to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – The highway department has been working on replacing culverts on Waldron Road. Everett explained the department is working on priority culverts which Fema has approved for funding due to the July 2021 storm event.

Mountain Road –

All States Construction has completed the shoulder work.

Road Lane Marking Lines- Daryl explained that the lines should not be painted this time of year. Discussion involved the possibility of grant funds that may be available without strings attached. No action taken.

Transfer Station Compactor- The compactor is on the slab.

Long Pond Lot:

Brian Yun (Map/Lot 241-21) - Inquiry to purchase Map/Lot 241-20, Long Pond Road from the Town. No conservation easement noted, the deed carries the same restrictions as the surrounding building lots. Everett explained that there are three ways the Town can sell the property; by auction, listing with a realtor or by bid. Everett prefers listing the property with a realtor. Traci moves contact Kelley Caron or Scott Bennett, seconded by Mark; all in favor. Everett would like to appoint one selectman to handle the transaction. Traci moves to appoint Mark as the liaison, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

New Business - None

Department Reports - None

Administrative and Correspondence –

Budget Submission Review – Budget request due date November 16, 2023

Letter of Support – UVLSRPC & TRORC grant application for Thriving Communities. Traci read the email and letter. Traci moves to sign the letter of support, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

HealthTrust Rate Transmittal – Traci moves to accept the employee benefits transmittal, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Fema July 2021 DR4624

Mill Road - \$48,135.34 check released

Allen Road– Project signed (\$112,761.99)

Everett inquired as to the amount of funding currently in the works for approval – approximately \$92,000.00.

Presidential Primary –

Linda Callahan explained that there has not been a date set for the primary yet but would like to know where the Board would like to hold the election. Traci moves to hold the election at the Meeting House, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Second NH Turnpike/Mountain Rd/Route 10 Intersection – Road Safety Audit

Traci will contact UVLSRPC about filing a road safety audit with the State of N.H. for their consideration of additional safety measures at the intersection.

Public Participation-

Representative Hope Damon updated the Board on steps that have been taken since the weekend accident at Second NH Turnpike/Mountain Rd/Route 10 Intersection involving a UPS truck, tractor trailer and a parked vehicle in a resident's yard. John Clegg program manager at the NH Office of Highway Safety has been contacted regarding a new grant program which may be of use to secure funding for additional safety measures at the intersection.

Hope presented a flyer to the Board from the Community Power Coalition for their consideration.

Read Gildner-Blinn-

Read spoke with a former Maine Game Warden who is concerned with lowering Long Pond's water level and the affect it is having on the biology of the marsh habitat. Read questioned the necessity of removing boards from the dam. Daryl explained the lowering keeps invasive plants from overtaking the pond and is a safety measure taken to reduce the danger of spring overflow flooding. The State allows the water level to be dropped by the Town 18"-24"; if the State takes over the water level would be dropped 3'.

Scott Goodspeed added that the State recommended that a lock be fabricated on the dam to prevent the unauthorized removing and replacing of the boards on the dam.

EJ Welch-

EJ asked the Board to consider combining the bid request for Cemetery and Town mowing, he feels more people would consider bidding.

Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Employee

At 8:21 PM Traci moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

At 9:04 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.

Adam Howard dropped off an application at the town office to become an Automotive Recycling Dealer requesting the Board's approval. The Board tabled the application for further research.

There being no further business, Traci moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant