

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023**

Board Present: Traci Homol, Everett Thurber and Mark Lightner

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: David Richards, Phil Tirrell, Scott Goodspeed, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Lynda Perry, Mindy Chadwick, Melanie Kraus, Theodore Kraus, Beth Clark-Moulton, Alvin McNeill, Daryl Simino and Deputy Ethan Yazinski.

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 November 28, 2023. Traci moves to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Everett all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – Spring 2024

Mountain Road – Line markings are on hold until the spring of 2024.

Long Pond Lot Map/Lot 241-20 –

Mark stated that the property disclosure has been filled out and is awaiting the listing agreement.

New Business - None

Department Reports –

Sheriff's Department:

Deputy Yazinski presented the activity report beginning in September to date, all calls for multiple departments and not necessarily the Sheriff's Department totaled 99.

Ethan has been in contact with the State regarding the Route 10/Mountain Road/Second NH Turnpike intersection trying to come up with a solution to improve the safety of the intersection. Ethan suggested 4 stop signs at the intersection. Ethan inquired of the State why they were not getting involved and received no response. Other ideas were discussed as in the past; no decisions were made as to the next step.

Highway Department:

Transfer Station Compactor- The electrician has wired up the new compactor.

The highway department has been dealing with mud on the roads and servicing their vehicles/equipment and pulling screens and cleaning the culverts.

Everett inquired if the tree growth on the old landfill had been addressed yet, it has not but will be shortly.

Mark heard from a resident that they could not enter Stark Road and had to drive around, Daryl explained that Stark Road is a private road.

Phil Tirrell asked Daryl about when the roller on the end of Dodge Hollow would be removed, he feels it will be in the way of the plow trucks. Daryl said they would be picking it up soon.

The Board reminded everyone that the Transfer Station will be closed on December 24, Christmas Eve.

Fire Department:

No report.

Rescue Department:

Captain Beth Clark-Moulton presented the following quotes for approval:

\$1,072.00- Nick's Towing of Claremont for 4 studded snow tires.

\$629.98- EssCor Electronics for a new desktop computer including setup.

\$2,174.79- Boundtree Medical for basic supplies to start stocking advanced EMT supplies as the Chief and Assistant Chief are training to become advanced EMT providers.

\$605.00- Firematic for 8 rescue coats.

The Board approved Beth's requests.

Everett asked if Beth had turned in her paperwork to the Planning Board for CIP funding; she has not but will get it to the PB.

Scott Goodspeed asked if a grant were awarded for the Advanced EMT training who would receive the grant money. The Town will receive grant funds was the response.

Emergency Management:

Phil announced that the State of New Hampshire is taking over a new system to replace the current Code Red Notifier for emergencies. Phil will be attending training on Monday and will meet with Robin to bring her up to speed on the new system.

Phil has ordered sand bags and road cones and has stayed within his budget for the items.

Conservation Commission:

Traci had been approached in regards to the No Parking Sign the CC had placed on River Road. It was explained that road signage falls under the duty of the Select Board not the Conservation Commission, Phil asked the Board if it was ok to place the sign on the River Road. Traci moves to approve the No Parking sign, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Administrative and Correspondence –

Municipal Assessment Data Certificate- Signed by the Board.

Road Safety Audit Application – The request has been submitted.

Budget Review – We are at 81.33% to date.

Mark has received several communications from Eversource as the Liaison.

Public Participation-

Lynda Perry would like permission to place water bars on Tucker Road. Daryl is concerned that if they try to divert the water too fast and in the wrong direction more damage will occur. Lynda will talk to the residents (Zmugg) that upgraded the road and Daryl and Scott will take a look at it.

Jennifer Gildner-Blinn asked if there was anything being done in regards to the petition from the last meeting. Everett stated that the BOS and PB has been looking into it; when the words “my lawyer” are spoken it goes to our attorney.

Ted Kraus offered to pick up two tires dumped by Lady Slipper Lane to bring to the Transfer Station; The Highway Department will pick them up.

Traci Thanked the Ladies Auxiliary and Drift New England for a great Christmas gathering. She thought Santa did an excellent job.

Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

At 8:04 PM Traci moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

At 9:20 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 Mark; all in favor.

The Board discussed the Fire Departments year end spending with Chief Thomas. Traci moves to approve the request, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Bugbee Drive Driveway permit- no permit required on a Class VI road.

There being no further business, Traci moved to adjourn the public meeting at 9:40 PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant