

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2024**

Board Present: Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber and Phil Tirrell

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: Daryl Simino, Mindy Chadwick, Lynda Perry, Jim Cheever, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Maren Ardell, David Richards, Ted Kraus, Scott Goodspeed and Shaedel Simino.

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll and accounts payable manifest.

Approve/Amend Minutes of the May 14, 2024 and May 22, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting.
Everett moves to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – The Highway Department will begin replacing FEMA funded culverts the beginning of June.

Mountain Road Lane Marking Center Line – Daryl is still waiting on a date from the contractor.

Lovejoy Rd. Culvert – No discussion.

Mountain Road Bridge –summer 2024.

Long Pond Beach – Daryl will be meeting with Meridian on Thursday, the grass seed and grade stakes have been purchased.

Grandview Road Culvert and drainage - Wildcat Excavation will be completing this week.

Street Signs- Reviewed prices from the State (\$4,100.00) and Econo Signs (\$3,100.00).
Mark moves to order, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

New Business

Grader- Everett, Phil, Daryl and Scott individually, visited the Grader dealers at the Mountain of demonstrations. Everett explained that the Town could lease a grader for the amount of money being set aside annually plus interest. He wasn't sure what the interest rate was currently, Phil answered 6.9% for 10 years with a \$25,000.00 trade in allowance.

Everett moves for a Warrant Article to be placed on the 2025 Warrant for leasing a grader, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Department Reports

Fire Department:

In House Security System – Phil explained the department had received a second quote

Fire Department continued:

from Amer Electric which was \$3,000.00 less than the price from a previous vender. There was a discussion of alternative systems.

Everett inquired what the sudden urgency for the new system was, his thoughts were the new system came about when the Selectmen demanded the entry code as it is a town building which is the responsibility of the Selectmen and not the Fire Department.

Phil expressed the lack of knowing who is going in and out of the building was the driving force.

The Board discussed where the funds for the system would come from, Everett moves the security system be placed in the Fire Department's budget for 2025, Mark agrees in terms of transparency this is the way to go, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Fire Training Facility – Will be reviewed at the next Safety Committee meeting on June 4.

Conservation Commission:

Lynda Perry announced June 1, 2024 is National Trails Day. Mark thanked the CC for the roadside cleanup on 2nd NH Turnpike.

Administrative and Correspondence

Budget Review - Mark announced that we are 42% through the year and 32% of the budget has been expended.

Mark announced that Sullivan County currently has three grant writers on staff that are willing to guide us.

Public Participation

Jennifer Gildner-Blinn a neighbor had approached her and was concerned with the nesting loons, Phil stated he was in contact with the Loon Preservation liaison.

Ted Kraus showed appreciation for the work on Long Pond Road by the Highway Department and inquired if they intended to roll, crown and ditch the road. Daryl stated they are not going to roll the road at this time, culvert replacements are taking priority.

Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3, II (b) Hiring

At 7:59 PM Phil moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

At 9:05 PM Phil moves, seconded by Mark to end the non-public session; all in favor.

The Board discussed setting up an interview for employment on the Highway Department; Robin will set up the interview with the applicant.

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the public meeting at 9:15 PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant