

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
June 25, 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, Kayla Brehio, Scott Goodspeed and Sue Lichty.

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 June 11, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting.

Everett moves to accept the minutes as printed with corrections, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – The Highway Department has one more FEMA funded culvert to replace on Mill Road; there are approximately 27 additional culverts in need of routine maintenance replacement.

The guardrails on Lovejoy also need to be reset.

Mountain Road Lane Marking Center Line – Daryl is still waiting on a date from the contractor. Mark mentioned that there definitely is a need for the center line to be marked.

Mountain Road Bridge – Daryl is hoping for an August replacement, Daryl estimates Mountain Road will be closed for 7-10 days.

There were a couple of road washouts from the June 23, 2024 heavy rain; Daryl stated they were not serious.

Grandview Road paving has been completed, the shoulders have not been done as it is recommended to wait a few weeks for the pavement to cure.

Everett asked if there were any more culverts on Long Pond Road that need replacing, there is an additional culvert requiring replacement but first the property owners at 284 Long Pond Road need to replace 2 6" culverts to the driveway permit specification of a 12" culvert. Everett recommends sending a letter giving the owners 2 weeks to replace the culvert or the Highway Department will do so at the owner's expense. Phil makes a motion to send a letter, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Daryl mentioned the new calcium tank has not been set up yet due to lack of time.

Everett asked if the old landfill has been completed yet; not yet it is in the works, Everett would like to put the per-diem help on it.

Scott expressed his frustration with several Long Pond residents that were upset that the road was closed in order to replace a culvert; signs were put out well in advance of the closing notifying the residents.

New Business

Machine voting – The Moderator sent out an email and would like to get together with the Selectmen, the Supervisors of the Checklist and the Ballot Clerks to discuss the possibility of moving from a hand count town to a machine count town. There is a grant available through HAVA for \$3,500.00 per machine, actual cost of the machines is unknown at this time.

Department Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Kayla Brehio shared she has been serving now for just over a month and that everything is going well. She has been busy with trainings and tax collection. She shared her ideas of accepting credit card/debit cards payments and moving towards online motor vehicle registrations. She stated that everyone has been very patient with her and that it has been very much appreciated, she is looking forward to serving for many months to come.

Conservation Commission:

Lynda Perry announced there was damage caused to the no parking sign and post at River Road. She updated those present with the Conservation Commissions activities and upcoming events.

Administrative and Correspondence

Vote on extending the Meeting-house rental to the Lempster Village Church for Sunday Services. Phil makes a motion we continue with the same process, seconded by Everett; all in favor to extend the agreement for 3 additional months.

Pistol Permit – Signed.

Budget Review – Mark announced we are half way through the year and have spent 44% of the operating budget.

The Board will send a letter to the Claytor's in regards to parking on River Road blocking the access.

Public Participation

Scott Goodspeed questions whether the Town can take a Class VI road bridge and legally make it a walking bridge, Mark will follow-up with the legal department at NHMA for clarification.

Lynda Perry stated they could petition the Town to make the road a Class A Trail and asked if the Select-board would support it; Phil stated he would not support that.

Sue Lichty expressed her thanks for South Road being fixed for the recent Bird Watch tour.

There being no further business, Mark moved to adjourn the public meeting at 8:03 PM, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant