

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2024**

Board Present: Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber and Phil Tirrell

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: Daryl Simino, Mindy Chadwick, Lynda Perry, Jon Thomas, Joe Burnham, Alvin McNeill, Jim Cheever, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Read Gildner-Blinn, Maren Ardell, Mike O'Connell, EJ Welch, Bernie Rosen, Maggie Kemp, Synthia Liska, Madeline Disario, David Richards, Paula Devits, Ted Kraus, Ann Astarita, Stephen Zakur, Mark Adams, Christine Bell, Patrick McCullough, Scott Goodspeed and Robert Dubois.

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 April 23, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting.

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

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – The Highway Department is currently reshaping (grading) the roads and will begin on the culvert replacements when completed.

Mountain Road Lane Marking Center Line – Phil moves to accept Minkland, LLC's quote (\$4,280.00), seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Lovejoy Rd. Culverts –FEMA stated that mitigation measures for the culvert above Ron Clark's driveway is running 2-3 years out if they even approve it which looks to be a no. They will hold up funding on the remaining project if we decide to move forward with mitigation, they recommend applying for 404 mitigation in the future.

Mountain Road Bridge –Michie is building the deck, Daryl is hoping to install it this summer.

Long Pond Beach – A revised Restoration Map has been approved by DES. The boat wharf will stay as is and an after the fact permit will be submitted.

Grandview Road Culvert and drainage Quotes- Two received one from Daniels Construction for \$50,000.00 and one from Wildcat Excavation for \$4,500.00. The difference in price comes from the Town supplying the products and cutting of the pavement.

Phil makes a motion to accept Wildcat's quote, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Street Signs- Review of prices passed over, waiting for quotes. Multiple signs are missing all over town.

Splake Road – Maren Ardell and Mike O'Connell spoke of debris needing to be removed from the ditches near Splake Road as water is unable to reach the culvert and is flooding both their yard and garage.

Determination of declaring the Drift New England project a Development of Regional Impact. (DRI) – Jennifer Gildner-Blinn. Mark Adams Planning Board Chair, spoke on the process of declaring a project a Development of Regional Impact. Mark consulted with the Town attorney who explained that since we have no zoning or ordinances already in place we have no standing; the only official that has any standing is the Building Inspector when a building permit is applied for. DRI would apply only to the building, you cannot take the whole property into account or you will be going to court. Jennifer Gildner-Blinn inquired what the next step is as she feels the track itself would be considered a “structure” according to advice she received from an attorney. Mark repeated that the Town attorney feels otherwise and reminded those present that Lempster also has an existing track in town.

177 Route 10 Fire - Torey Duggan-Haydon, Torey was not present to discuss. David Richards repeated that the fire was unintentional.

New Business

Dirt Road Maintenance – Melanie Kraus, Melanie was not present. Several Long Pond property owners spoke regarding their concerns on the condition of Long Pond roads. Ted Kraus is looking for preventative maintenance measures. Long Pond Road was previously a paved road in 1998, Everett explained that on the 2008 Town Meeting Warrant there was an article to repave Long Pond Road and the voter’s turned it down. Daryl explained that the highway crew had placed and graded 21 loads of 2” minus prior to the last snowstorm and were pulled off of Long Pond due to the third mud season of the year; several other town roads were impassable.

Department Reports

Fire Department:

Jon Thomas reported 12 calls for service in April, Everett asked how many of those calls were for Mutual Aid, and Jon responded two. The department has received a second quote for the security system they would like for the Fire Station, the quote from Amer Electric is \$7,787.00. When questioned where the money to pay for the alarm system would come from Jon stated he is requesting it from the Town Building Repair and Maintenance CIP (012). Everett feels that the system is more of an upgrade not a repair or maintenance. A question was raised if the funds could come from the Fire Department’s operating budget, Jon responded no and requests the Board to check with DRA for a definition of the fund.

Phil makes a motion to table the discussion until the next BOS Meeting, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Jon handed Mark a drawing on what he would like to see as far as a training facility like the one Claremont is constructing. He would like to start looking for donations; there will be a site visit on June 4, 2024 in conjunction with the Safety Committee.

Conservation Commission:

Lynda Perry announced the CC has two events coming up; Wednesday they will be doing road side cleanup on 2nd NH Turnpike and June 1, 2024 is National Trails Day, they will be meeting at Dodge Brook on River Road from 9AM – Noon.

Administrative and Correspondence

The Board signed a letter of approval for Kayla Brehio, Town Clerk/Tax Collector to become a Municipal Agent.

Public Participation

Daryl will call DES and Fish and Game regarding placing the dam boards back in at Long Pond; DES had previously stated that the water level needed to remain low until the restoration work at Long Pond Beach had been completed. Residents are concerned that raising the water level after the restoration would affect the nesting loons.

Long Pond resident Joe Burnham mentioned that Long Pond Road extends past the Beach.

Phil asked the status of the culvert and potholes on South Road, Daryl plans on taking care of it next week.

Mark mentioned The Historical Society is hosting a lasagna dinner on May 25, 2024. Old Home Day is scheduled for August 9, 10 & 11, 2024.

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

At 9:00 PM Phil moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

At 9:44 PM Mark moves, seconded by Phil to end the non-public session and return to the public meeting; all in favor.

Mark moves to seal the minutes of the non-public session, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the public meeting at 9:46 PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant