

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024**

Board Present: Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber and Phil Tirrell

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: Kayla Brehio, Ann Astirita, Steve Zakur, , Ted Kraus, Melanie Kraus, Mindy Chadwick, Lynda Perry, Grayce Schmidt, Scott Goodspeed, Daryl Simino and Al MacNeill.

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 July 23 and August 1, 2024 Selectmen's Meetings.

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

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – The department has replaced two culverts on Cutler Road, 1 – 24” and 1 – 18”. A catch basin has been installed on Long Pond Road and they have reshaped the roads that were washed out due to the recent rain. Dodge Hollow has a culvert that needs to be replaced. They will be shouldering Grandview and Mountain Road’s next week.

Mountain Road Bridge – Michie should have the bridge ready by Labor Day. It is a self-supporting deck, Daryl stated the bridge will be closed for a minimum of two weeks. Daryl will notify dispatch with the date.

Allen Road - Daryl asked about using sure Pak on the road to get it through the winter. Mark makes a motion to use sure Pak, seconded by Everett: all in favor.

Long Pond Beach- the State will be checking the beach again in October. Daryl inspected the grass area to see about pulling the stakes up, they will remain in place a little longer.

Phil brought up the idea of purchasing a six wheeler to haul rubbish and hiring another full-time person to run the Transfer Station and fill in for the highway when available. Mark would like to have a meeting in the near future with the Highway Department and Transfer Station.

Scott had shared a story with Mark in regards to a Long Pond resident that was rude while Scott was working on the road. Mark supports the Highway Department and suggests the department pack up their equipment and stop working if it happens again, Phil is also ok with that. The Select-Board oversee the Highway Department and any such complaints should be addressed to them, not the workers.

New Business

Long Pond Beach Baptism: Request for use on Sunday August 18, 2024. Phil makes a motion to allow, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Telephone line across Route 10: Parking obstruction for DHART landing. Phil makes a motion to have the phone line removed, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Department Reports

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Kayla checked into acquiring a voting machine for elections. The purchase price is \$7,500.00, there is a HAVA Grant available from the State for \$3,500.00. The Town would be able to print their own ballots for Town Elections with a high end printer able to handle 24-32lb paper or Voting Works can print them for .17c - .35c each

Kayla would like to accept Credit/Debit cards, the cost for the machine is \$40.00 per month with a user fee of 2.95%. Phil makes a motion to move forward with the CR/DB card machine, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

There is a paperless option for Tax Bills and MV Registration notices, the cost per notice is .15c charged to the Town. This option would save on the cost of postage, envelopes and paper. The Online MV Registration Renewal contract has already been signed, Kayla would like to add an online portal for residents to be able to get an estimate anytime. She would like to start the online portion for MV registrations and gain permission from the Board to have Robin open an additional Invoice Cloud Account at the bank. Everett makes a motion to approve as stated above, Phil seconds; all in favor.

Conservation Commission:

Lynda updated the progress of the CC, Earls Lane and the orchard have been mowed, they received a complaint about muddy water entering Cold River from Dodge Brook, it was discovered the stream was coming from the motor cross and it has been remedied. The CC will be working on Lady Slipper Lane on September 11, 2024 at 1:00PM.

Administrative and Correspondence

Time off Request – Signed by the Board.

License to Sell Pistols & Revolvers - Signed by the Board.

Public Participation

Melanie Kraus – Dirt Road Maintenance, Melanie addressed concerns with ditches, culverts and the overall condition of Town roads.

Grayce Schmidt – Grayce requested to add a link on the Town website for a Calendar of Events for Town Organizations, the board likes the idea of having a community calendar and will publish the web page for residents to access it, but we can't have a hyperlink, for security reasons.

Non-Public RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) Reputation

At 8:12PM Everett moves to enter non-public session, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

At 8:41PM Phil moves, seconded by Mark to end the non-public session and return to the public meeting; all in favor.

Phil makes a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

There being no further business, Phil moved to adjourn the public meeting at 8:50PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant