

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
August 27, 2024**

**Board Present:** Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber and Phil Tirrell

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

**Others Present:** Daryl Simino, Jim Cheever, David Richards, , Ted Kraus, Melanie Kraus, Mindy Chadwick, Carol Stamatikis, Bob Porter, Scott Goodspeed, Glenn Wirkkala, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Judy Aron and Michael Aron.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M.

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of the August 13, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting.

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

**Old Business**

**Highway Department:**

Culverts – There are currently 14 culverts requiring replacement this year.

Mountain Road Bridge – Michie is pouring the self-supporting deck this week, it will take a couple of weeks to deliver the bridge to the site. Mountain Road at the junction of Long Pond Road will be closed from September 10 - October 10, 2024, this is an approximate timeframe. Jersey Barriers will be place at the construction site. Daryl will notify dispatch and the Town of Washington with the closure dates.

Long Pond Beach- The State will be checking the beach again in October. Daryl received permission to pull the stakes and ribbon surrounding the grass area and posted a caution sign for the netting which needs to remain in place until it naturally decomposes.

Shoulder progress on Grandview and Mountain Roads – The shoulders on Grandview have been completed, Mountain Road has not been started yet.

291 Grandview Road: Pike missed paving their driveway skirt, Daryl called Pike for the second time to remind them; the skirt should be installed this week.

There is an unpermitted new driveway at 479 Grandview, Everett asked Robin to draft a letter to the property owner.

Phil asked Daryl to look at the area where the new culvert on Loon Loop was installed between Mutrux and the Kraus driveways, the property owners are requesting to have material added in order to plant shrubs. David reminded that we need to be aware of safe sight with any new plantings.

Road sign progress – The Department has not started installing the new street signs.

Grading at the School – Daryl graded the road at the Lempster School, they are in need of additional material for the road and some ditch clearing. Mark asked Daryl to get in touch with Superintendent Lewis with an update.

### **Highway Department continued:**

The winter sand still needs to be put up and Allen Road has not been repaired.

### **New Business**

**Michael Aron:** House of Representative Candidate (District 8)

**Judy Aron:** House of Representative Candidate (District 4)

Mark introduced Judy and Michael Aron, stating that their presence at the meeting does not mean that the Board supports them unilaterally.

Judy thanked the Board for their work in Lempster, she is always available at the State level to offer her assistance. She reminded the Board that September is the deadline to submit requests for new legislation. Judy highlighted a bill she has sponsored securing funds up to \$25,000.00 for roads and bridges which municipalities may request; she is hoping to get this amount increased.

Bob Porter thanked Judy for her hard work to make the all-way stop at the intersection of Mountain Road/Route 10/Second NH Turnpike happen. It has worked great so far.

Michael is running as the Republican candidate for the House of Representative position in District 8 which floats over Districts 4, 5 & 6. Michael spoke on his attributes. He is running for office to ensure that New Hampshire's personal rights and parental rights are protected and that our taxes stay low; he is against any additional taxes being imposed.

### **Department Reports**

**Cemetery Trustees:** Carol spoke on the Cemetery Trustees choice for a Green Burial cemetery on Benway Hill. Carol mentioned that information is available on Green Burials on Lempster's website. There are approximately 2 acres previously used as a log landing that they feel would make a nice location. Glenn suggested that the Board get ahold of the loggers to see if there were any additional trees they wanted to harvest prior to turning the area into a cemetery.

The Cemetery Trustees and the Board will meet on September 16, 2024 at 3:00PM at the log landing area to view the site.

**Emergency Management:** Phil spoke on a Hazard Mitigation Grant that is available to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan in conjunction with UVLSRPC. Phil moves to apply for the grant, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Mark read the following statement for inclusion in the minutes:

*"The Select Board, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, BRIC, Grant Program presented in the amount of \$7,500.00 for updating the local hazard mitigation plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$10,000.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 25% match (\$2,500.00)."*

**Conservation Commission:** Mindy mentioned trail cleanup day will be held on September 11 at 1:00PM, meet at the Duck Pond.

**Fire/Rescue:** Chief Thomas was unable to make the meeting and asked Phil to speak in his place. Phil stated the department has seen an increase in the amount of calls including a fire in Goshen of an unoccupied building. Michael Aron asked what type of calls; mostly medical was the response. Scott asked how many additional categories' have been added for the breakdown of calls and if that was the reason for the increase of calls; Phil stated he didn't think there was an increase in categories' just an increase in calls.

**Building Inspector/Health Officer: Privy Permit:** Bob Porter would like the Board to remove the Privy Permit from the Town records, existing permitted privies would be grandfathered in. As the State of NH no longer recognizes them or permits them. Everett makes a motion to remove the ordinance, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

### **Administrative and Correspondence**

The next Board meeting is September 10, 2024 (Election Day) – 4:00PM at the Meeting-house; manifest signing only.

Budget Review- Mark announce the target percentage for the calendar year is 67% and we are currently at 65.9% of the budget.

### **Public Participation**

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

She inquired of the additional handicap parking signs for the beach and if the Highway Department could pick up the round table at the beach and dispose of it. The pond level was discussed along with differing opinions received from DES regarding lowering the pond. Judy Aron will bring up the concern with the Commissioner as she has heard this complaint from numerous towns.

**Mindy Chadwick** – Request for a raffle permit for Lempster Trail Blazers to hold a 50/50 raffle on September 8, 22 & 29 at the NHMX track. Everett moves to approve the raffle, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Mark inquired if the sign for Gee Road was approved by the ATV Club, Phil stated it was but not installed yet.

Everett asked if a bill was sent for the damages to the village green; no cost has been received. Daryl will compile the equipment used and time spent for billing. The town is entitled for reimbursement of expenses only.

Discussion on the pole and telephone line in the landing area for DHART at the fire station, there is an easement in place; Robin will call and inquire if NH Electric would be willing to remove it.

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the public meeting at 8:34PM, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara  
Administrative Assistant