

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2024**

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

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

**Others Present:** Kenneth Diley, Daryl Simino, Jim Cheever, David Richards, , Ted Kraus, Melanie Kraus, Mindy Chadwick, Carol Nelson, Jonathan Nelson, Claudia Istel, Maren Ardell, Scott Goodspeed, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn and John Nowak.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M.

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting.

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

**Old Business**

**Highway Department:**

Culverts – No update.

Truck Inspections – Two trucks failed State Inspection due to inadequate brakes.

Mountain Road Bridge – The Bridge is in place and paving of the bridge looks to be about two weeks out. Daryl will call additional paving companies to see if they can pave earlier.

Guardrail company CWS cannot install the guardrails until October 21, 2024. Mark moves to keep Mountain Road closed through the 22<sup>nd</sup>, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

After discussing further the Board decided to post the road closed through the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

Long Pond Beach- Waiting for a follow-up inspection.

Shoulder progress on Mountain Road – The shoulder work on Mountain Road will be done prior to opening the road to thru traffic.

291 Grandview Road –Has not been completed.

Road sign progress – Residents present suggested the Town utilize “Airtags” to track the disappearing road signs.

Winter Sand – Everett believes there is enough sand put up for this year. At a minimum complete all other tasks prior to hauling more sand in.

The highway crew will be trucking sand for Marlow on Tuesday and Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>; as agreed in exchange for Marlow's winter maintenance of Sand Pond Road.

**Department Reports**

**Emergency Management:** Hazard Mitigation Grant – waiting on confirmation.

**Conservation Commission:** October 26 is scheduled for roadside cleanup, meet at the Town Office at 10:00AM.

## New Business

**Ken Diley Site Supervisor for Lempster Wind** would like permission to grade and fill Earls Lane from Mountain Road to the gate. Phil moves to approve, seconded by Mark, Everett abstains: motion passes.

**Jonathan Nelson** would like the Highway Department to stop pushing snow near the Solar Projects Boundary Marker.

**Jonathan Nelson** is seeking restitution of \$1,000.00 (his insurance deductible) for damages caused by a highway dump body catching the electrical service line pulling it out of the socket and damaging the boards it was attached to. Phil makes a motion to approve, seconded by Everett; all in favor after the Town receives the bills for repairs completed.

**Long Pond Dam** – Phil read an email from Steve Doyon at DES; dated December 4, 2023 in regards to lowering the water level on Long Pond. Phil makes a motion not to lower the dam, Everett seconds “leave the boards in the dam”, and Mark states we will revisit the lowering of the pond if it doesn’t work out; all in favor.

**Roadside Mowing** still needs to be completed on Mountain Road, Long Pond Road and South/Sand Pond Road.

## Administrative and Correspondence

Updated Avitar Contract Price – Increase of \$7,116.00; Signed by the Board.

Mark Confirmed the Budget Dates- Operating Budgets and Warrant Articles Funding Due October 31, 2024 (Town Office) and CIP Updates Due October 25, 2024 (Planning Board).

Confirm November Election Location – The Board unanimously confirmed the Meeting-house at 112 Lempster Street as the polling location.

Everett stated the deck and ramp at the Town Office needs to be replaced, Robin will contact Greg.

## Public Participation

**Claudia Istel** Introduced herself as a candidate for State Representative.

**Melanie Kraus** – Melanie spoke of her concerns on the condition of dirt roads in town. Everett feels due to the constant demands for increased road maintenance and the cost of supplies that \$100,000.00 should be added to the highway budget along with a fourth employee.

**David Richards** would like to see a kiosk placed behind the chain at the Meeting-house as an official posting location. Robin will call Greg to discuss.

**John Nowak** would like to see an improved sound system for Town Meeting; Phil will check on utilizing the Fire Departments system.

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the public meeting at 8:31PM, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara  
Administrative Assistant