

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
September 24, 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, Jon Thomas, Stacy Spehar, Gregg Bjork, Scott Goodspeed, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn and Becky Farrand.

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 September 10, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting.

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

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – No update.

Mountain Road Bridge – The abutments are in, the bridge is due to arrive and be set in place on Thursday. Daryl would like to have the bridge machine paved and inquired if the Board prefers the highway department or a guardrail company to install the guardrails. Daryl will get prices on paving and setting guardrails for the Board to review. The Board will let Daryl know if they approve the estimates or not.

Bridge beams – Daryl has received several inquiries in regards to purchasing the removed bridge beams, people have offered to purchase them for \$150.00 - \$200.00 each. Daryl has received an offer for \$2,000.00 to purchase all the beams from a scrap yard.

Long Pond Beach- The after the fact permit has been submitted to DES for the Wharf area.

Shoulder progress on Mountain Road – The shoulder work on Mountain Road will begin after the bridge has been completed.

291 Grandview Road – Daryl did not have a chance to see if the skirting has been done.

Road sign progress – The Department has started installing the new street signs.

Winter Sand – The highway crew still needs to put up their winter sand supply.

New Business

181 Long Pond Road: Septic Easement

Review letter from SPNHF – Phil explained that the property owner has a failed septic system and does not have adequate land to replace it, he would like to get approval to utilize the 50' buffer (Town Forest) with a septic easement or purchase part of the buffer zone. All expenses and burden

of proof falls upon the property owner. Phil moves to pass along the SPNHF letter to the property owner, Mark seconds; all in favor.

Department Reports

Cemetery Trustees: On September 16, 2024 at 3:00PM the Board met with the Trustees to view their chosen spot for Green Burials. The area on Benway Hill looks like a nice spot, Everett stated there would be an area set aside with enough room for future log landings.

Emergency Management: Hazard Mitigation Grant – updated paperwork signed by the Board.

Conservation Commission: Trail clean-up day on Lady Slipper Trail went well. The Apple Orchard on Earls Lane will be pruned again in the fall.

Fire/Rescue: Chief Thomas updated the Board on the Departments recent activities and purchases.

Jon asked if the Board had had a chance to view the site marked out for a training area; the Board will review it in the morning.

Jon would like to form a study group as far as recruitment, retention and pay for ambulance service issues; the Board does not have an issue with Jon's request for a study group.

Administrative and Correspondence

Renew Meeting-house rental: Lempster Village Church – Everett moves to continue the rental agreement for 6 months, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Meeting House Rental Approval – Christmas Eve Service – Signed by the Board.

Confirm Budget Dates – Budget submission deadline has been set for October 31, 2024 with individual department meetings beginning November 13, 2024.

Employee Time off Requests – Signed by the Board.

Public Participation

Stacy Spehar – Becky Farrand introduced the new Library Director Stacy Spehar. Stacy is very happy to be here, she plans on applying for grants to improve the Library and has already received a donation for Laptops which can be checked out by Library Patrons.

Scott asked Jon if Golden Cross was not fulfilling their agreement. Jon stated it was hit or miss.

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the public meeting at 7:59PM, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant