

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN**
Approved Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024

Board Present: Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber and Phil Tirrell

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: Jim Cheever, David Richards, Jon Thomas, Mindy Chadwick, Lynda Perry, Maren Ardell, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Melanie Kraus, Ted Kraus, Scott Goodspeed and Beth Clark-Moulton.

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 Selectmen's Meeting held on October 22, 2024.

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

Old Business

Highway Department:

Mark shared verbal updates from the highway department on the following items:

Culverts – The culvert on by 495 Hurd Pond Road has been replaced.

Mountain Road Bridge – The Bridge is open 1 lane wide. The Rails are in, CWS is waiting for the posts to arrive.

Long Pond Beach & Wharf – The report to DES has been filed by Meridian.
More information needed by DES on the Wharf permit.

Shoulder progress on Mountain Road – The washouts have been completed.

291 Grandview Road: Update on missed driveway skirt –Not completed, Daryl has called Pike again. The Board discussed holding future payments until the job has been completed and approved

Road sign progress-No additional signs have been installed.

Roadside Mowing- Roadside mowing has been completed for 2024.

Mountain Road Steel Beams – The Board decided to have the beams sold for scrap to (Morway's) for the sum of \$2,000.00.

Department Reports

Transfer Station: Naughton's has repaired the back door and back supports on the packer box. The box is back in place and working.

Conservation Commission: The October 26th roadside cleanup was successful. The CC will be holding another 8th grade essay contest in 2025.

Fire/Rescue Department:

Chief Thomas updated the Board of the department's activities since October 1st. They have responded to 15 calls. Everett inquired how many of the calls were in Lempster; Jon responded 11.

Department Reports Continued:

Everett asked if they were strictly fire or if they included rescue; Jon answered the calls included both departments.

Jon is working on receiving an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purpose of purchasing new portable radios.

The department would like to form a committee to work on the Training Facility area.

Jon has drafted a Motorsports Emergency Response Agreement and will forward it to the Board.

Rescue Captain Clark-Moulton requested to withdraw \$733.27 for the purpose of necessary equipment bags. Everett moved to allow no more than \$800.00 to be withdrawn from CIP 052 Rescue Equipment capital reserve fund, seconded by Phil: all in favor.

The Fireman's Association is selling double sided red reflective 911 house numbers for \$20.00. Beth asked if Town Clerk Kayla Brehio would be willing to take orders for them; Kayla agreed to take the orders.

New Business: None

Administrative and Correspondence

The Board confirmed the next meeting will be held on November 26, 2024.

Mark spoke on the November 5th election and complimented all on a job well done. He believes this was the highest voter turnout for Lempster.

Mark read the Budget Meeting Schedule for November 13th.

Public Participation

Maren Ardell Discussed the Transfer Station and perhaps increasing the cost of the Annual Decals. She inquired if anything has moved forward on Phil's idea of hiring an additional worker to run the Transfer Station and the purchase a roll-off truck to haul our own trash. No additional information has been brought forward.

Melanie Kraus Asked for clarification on the wharf information DES is asking for. Phil explained DES is concerned with the lack of grass on the wharf.

Everett explained how the cost of services affect taxpayers in Town especially those with limited resources. For example dirt road rebuilds-for a top shelf repair the price tag for a 22' wide road with gravel 1' deep would run the taxpayers \$100,000.00 per mile or an estimated .78 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. Example: assessed value \$300,000.00 additional tax burden per mile \$234.00. For 40 miles the same taxpayer would have an increased tax burden of \$9,354.00.

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant