

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025**

Board Present: Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber and Phil Tirrell

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

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

Others Present Non-Public: Bill & Lynn Rodeschin, Richard Fairweather and Mark Adams,

At 6:26PM Mark calls the meeting to order and moves to enter non-public, seconded by Phil: all in favor.

At 7:01PM Mark moves, seconded by Phil to end the non-public session and return to the public meeting: all in favor.

Others Present Regular Meeting: Jim Cheever, David Richards, Kevin Onnela, Daryl Simino, Mindy Jo Chadwick, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Melanie Kraus and Anna White (UVLSRPC).

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on December 10, 2024.

Phil moves to amend the December 10, 2024 minutes, for clarification as follows: (changes in italics) The *unused* phone line *located above the parking lot* at the Fire Department has been removed by Consolidated Communications; Mindy-Jo stopped a worker to make that happen. Everett seconds to accept the minutes as amended; all in favor.

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – Culvert replacements are on hold until the spring of 2025. Daryl mentioned that there are a few culverts that the department will need to thaw out due to cold weather.

The department has been repairing the gravel screen, G.K. Stetson Blacksmiths are fabricating replacement brackets.

Mark asked about the salt spread on Grandview as it appeared to only be on one side of the road, he was wondering if the spreader faulty.

Department Reports

Fire/Rescue Department:

David mentioned the generator bracket on the engine had broken

Mark asked David how the integration for the new software was going; David's side is all set. The supplier is working with Mutual Aid.

The fire and rescue departments responded to 189 total calls in 2024, total calls to date for 2025 is 13.

New Business: None

Administrative and Correspondence

The Board signed the following documents:
Solar Exemption Application
Right to Inter (3)
Employee Time off Request

The Board approved the following payment agreement-
Due to NH Electric's error in preparing their PA-81, corrected by them after the tax rate was set. They have agreed to a \$40,000.00 refund for overpayment of property taxes now and a \$43,777.15 refund/abatement in January 2026; interest free.

Public Participation

Kevin Onnela inquired about the following statement from the November 26, 2024 minutes "Jim Cheever wanted to know, can storage containers on property be taxed. Board of Selectmen replied back, no because storage containers can be moved." Everett explained that the statement had been corrected to add commercial use of containers are taxable but the minutes did not reflect that statement. Everett told Kevin to take it up with the assessors, Kevin asked if Everett would take care of it. Everett agreed to look into it.

Kevin requested the Board look into installing guardrails on the right hand side of the sharp corner when descending Mountain Road.

Anna White introduced herself as the UVLSRPC Resilience Coordinator. She has been working with Mark and Robin on securing a grant through the Thriving Communities program to help with the engineering costs for the Lovejoy Road culvert.

Phil inquired if the grant could be used for Fire & EMS, Anna explained this grant is for flooding issues but UVLSRPC does receive recycled grants from the State for different uses, she will ask if there are any available.

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant