

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2025**

Board Present: Everett Thurber and Phil Tirrell

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: Jim Cheever, Barbara Chadwick, Mindy Chadwick, Daryl Simino, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Ted Kraus and Scott Goodspeed.

Phil called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on January 14, 2025.

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

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts – Culvert replacements are on hold until the spring.

The department has been busy plowing and sanding the roads.

They are also working on repairing the compactor at the Transfer Station.

Department Reports

Fire/Rescue Department:

Phil reported on behalf of Chief Thomas that the generator bracket on the engine had been repaired, no software updates were available and calls for service has slowed down.

New Business: None

Administrative and Correspondence

Phil announced the election sign up period began January 22, 2025 and ends January 31, 2025 at 5PM, the following positions are up for re-election:

- Selectman 3 years– 1 position
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector 1 year– 1 position
- Treasurer 1 year– 1 position
- Auditor 1 year– 1 position
- Trustee of Trust funds 3 years– 1 position
- Planning Board 3 years– 1 position
- Cemetery Trustee 3 years-1 position
- Library Trustee 3 years – 2 positions
- Library Trustee 2 years – 1 position
- Library Trustee 1 year – 1 position

The Board signed the following documents:

Pistol Permits (2)

Land Use Change Tax (2)

Abatement (refund)

Public Participation

Ted Kraus asked for a timeline on repairing dirt roads and culverts. Daryl stated there are 10-12 culverts that definitely need replacing. Ted wanted to know if there was a written schedule of planned repairs; there is a list of roads and the department has been adding information as time allows. Ted is looking for a proposed maintenance schedule for the roads. Everett explained that the cost of upgrading dirt roads is \$100,000.00 per mile. Everett feels the Board of Selectmen are doing their due diligence in considering the tax impact for the entire town. He suggests that the individuals requesting immediate remedies to the dirt roads stand up at Town Meeting and move to increase the amount appropriated for road reconstruction and paving and see how the voters take it. Phil added the amount of traffic on the roads has increased dramatically, more traffic equals more wear and tear on the roads

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM, seconded by Phil; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara

Administrative Assistant