

TOWN OF LEMPSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved as Amended
Public Hearing *and Selectmen's Meeting*
Minutes
February 12, 2025

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

Clerk Assistant Danielle Melvin

Others Present: Daryl Simino, David Richards, Tom Moore Jr., Kevin Bill, Linda Callahan, Rachel Tirrell, Jonathan Delisle, Beth Clark- Moulton, Jennifer Gildner- Blinn, Mindy Chadwick, Ted Kraus, Steve Zakur, Don Clifford

Mark called the hearing to order at 6:31 PM

The Warrant as presented below was read by the Selectmen:

Article 03 General Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,561,404 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$98,612.00
Election & Registration	\$76,710.00
Appraisal of Property	\$18,240.00
Legal Expenses	\$25,000.00
Personal Administration	\$237,408.00
Planning Board	\$15,000.00
General Government Buildings	\$27,750.00
Cemeteries	\$10,000.00
Insurance Property & Liability	\$28,190.00
Contingency	\$25,000.00
Police Budget	\$71,500.00
Ambulance Service	\$12,000.00
Rescue Squad	\$30,360.00
Fire Department	\$78,100.00

Forest Fire	\$6,650.00
Building Inspection	\$3,050.00
Emergency Management	\$2,050.00
Highway Department	\$485,100.00
Street Lights	\$1,100.00
Solid Waste	\$132,750.00
Health Officer	\$2,750.00
Animal Control	\$3,000.00
Health Agencies	\$7,762.00
Direct Assistance	\$6,600.00
Parks & Recreation	\$5,500.00
Library	\$22,500.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$500.00
Conservation Commission	\$5,100.00
Principal Bonds & Notes	\$79,749.00
Interest Bonds & Notes	\$5,424.00

Article 04 Emergency Management CR Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required)

Emergency Communication and Power Generation Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 004) \$500.00

Article 05 Fire and Forest Fire CR Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 06 Fire Department Security

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing for the Fire Department building interior and exterior cameras, and key card door access. \$6,000.00 to come from unassigned fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 07 Fire Pumper Engine

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Pumper Engine Capital Reserve Fund (CIP 061) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Pumper Engine with original equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,500.00 to be placed in this

fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required)

Article 08 Fire Quint/Ladder Engine

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Quint/Ladder Engine Capital Reserve Fund (CIP 062) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Quint/Ladder Engine with original equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required)

Article 09 Fire Department Per Call Pay

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,204.00 for the purpose of moving to a pay per call system for the Lempster Fire and Rescue Department (Majority vote required)

Article 10 Rescue Department CR Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 052)	\$2,000.00
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Rescue Squad Truck Capital Reserve (CIP 054)	\$28,000.00
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Article 11 Highway Department CR Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Town Bridge and Culverts Expendable Trust (CIP 018)	\$30,000.00
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Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026)	\$20,000.00
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Road Reconstruction and Paving CR (CIP 048)	\$150,000.00
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Article 12

Grader Purchase

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a 2025 Caterpillar 120AWDJJOY Grader \$132,000.00 to come from (CIP 057) Grader CRF created for that purpose. The balance of \$193,000.00 to come from unassigned fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation (Majority vote required)

Article 13

Sanitation Department CR Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 021)	\$2,000.00
Landfill Closure Capital Reserve (CIP 022)	\$2,000.00

Article 14

Cemetery CR/ET Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserves previously established. \$8,500.00 to come from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Cemetery Tree Maintenance (CIP 047)	\$7,500.00
New Cemetery Capital Reserve (CIP 023)	\$1,000.00

Article 15

Planning Board CR Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Professional Assistance Contingency Capital Reserve Fund (CIP 058) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 16

General Government CR Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,500.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve/expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Town Building Repair Expendable Trust (CIP 012)	\$20,000.00
Municipal Buildings Complex Capital Reserve (CIP 010)	\$30,000.00
Town Office Information Technology CR (CIP 037)	\$3,500.00

Article 17 Town Hall/Meeting House Restoration

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Hall/Meeting House Restoration Capital Reserve Fund (CIP 030) created in 2007. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 18 Elderly Exemption

Shall the town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Lempster, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$65,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$85,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$105,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$28,000.00; and own: net assets not in excess of \$70,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Mark motioned to close the Budget Hearing at 7:36 PM

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll and accounts payable manifest

Approve/Amend Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on January 30, 2025. Mark moves to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Phil

Old Business

Highway Department:

Culverts: Daryl mentioned that they were going to work on finishing the culverts from last year.

Daryl said they received to date 70% of the salt contract

New Business

Don Clifford had an intent to cut contract for the Selectmen to sign.

Pulpwood price was increased from \$3.00 to \$6.00 per ton at the Board's request.

Department Reports

Beth Clark-Moulton from the Fireman's Association would like to set up a table outside the Town Meeting to place orders for mailbox signs

From the Rescue Department Beth stated that there were 1 medical call and 1 CO.

Administrative and Correspondence

Robin ~~McQuire~~ *Maguire* has resigned from the Conservation Commission. Vicky Madziarek has taken her place as a member, she was an alternate. Phil ~~has~~ motioned to except, Everett 2nd the motion.

Public Participation

Ted Kraus wanted to see if \$100,000 ~~of the budget for~~ *could be added to the road reconstruction and paving CRF could be used to for repairs to dirt and paved roads.* The selectmen ~~had told him to~~ *advised Ted to move it to the floor bring it up at the* Town Meeting.

There being no further business, Everett moved to *adjourn* the meeting at 7:53 PM, seconded by Mark.

Respectfully submitted Danielle Melvin

As amended at the February 25, 2025 Selectmen's Meeting (italicized)
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