

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2025**

Board Present: Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber and Daryl Simino

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: David Richards, Jim Cheever, Cindy Cheever, Beth Clark-Moulton, Mindy Chadwick, Jon Thomas, Jillian Thomas, Michael Bosse, Shannen Bosse, Anna White, April Reinartz, Becky Farrand, Linda Callahan, Kevin Bill, John Nowak, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Ted Kraus, Melanie Kraus and Scott Goodspeed.

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

Mark read the following town election results:

Selectman 3 years – Daryl Simino
Town Clerk/Tax Collector 1year – Kayla Brehio
Treasurer 1 year – Mary Fellows
Planning Board 3 years – David Richards
Trustee of the Trust Funds 3 years – Sally Hooper
Cemetery Trustee 3 years – Cheryl McGinnis
Library Trustees:
Molly Miller – 3 years
Rachel Tirrell – 2 years
Wand Ash – 1 year

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of the Selectmen’s Meeting held on March 11, 2025.

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

Old Business

Anna White –Thriving Communities UVLSRPC

Anna spoke about putting together a Steering Committee of Lempster residents for their input on ideas for how they would like available grant money used under The Thriving Communities Grant. The first meeting will be April 15, 2025 (place TBD). The Committee will meet monthly

New Business

Elect BOS Chairman – Everett nominates Mark, seconded by Daryl; Mark accepts the position as Chairman.

Appointments:

Emergency Management Director - Jon Thomas recommends himself to serve as interim EMD for a year with Melanie Kraus as his Deputy and then handing the reins to Melanie. Daryl asked David Richards if he was interested in serving as EMD; David declined. Everett makes a motion to appoint Jon & Melanie as presented, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Safety Committee – Fire Station

Jon will reach out to department members and let the Board know who is willing to serve.

Supervisor of the Checklist -Athena Brehio has been recommended by the Supervisors. Everett makes a motion to appoint Athena, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Department Reports

Fire/Rescue: Jon gave an update of the departments activities since February 26 they have had 15 incidents. Fish and Game will be hosting a field day for The Hunter's Safety Course on April 5, 2025 at the Fire Station.

Jon announced the members of the fire department had a meeting after the Annual Town Meeting and stated the department's disappointment with the lack of support received from the town. Jon read a letter of support from the Captain of the Claremont Fire Department which he stated the Board received prior to Town Meeting, the select board did not receive the letter which Everett made clear. Jon admitted he also had not seen it until a Claremont firefighter handed it to him at Town meeting. Mark announced on behalf of the Board how incredibly grateful they are for the fire department.

Highway Department: Culverts –Daryl is updating the culvert list and will give it to Scott when completed.

Mark announced that Scott has been appointed the interim Highway Supervisor. We are actively searching for a new highway/transfer supervisor.

Conservation Commission: Mindy Chadwick and John Nowak announced upcoming events for the Conservation Commission.

The CC is requesting that Mike Roulier be appointed to the commission. Everett moves to appoint Mike, seconded by Daryl; all in favor.

Library: Becky Farrand introduced Lempster's new Librarian April Reinartz; April spoke briefly about herself and her excitement of becoming the Librarian.

Administrative and Correspondence

Intent to Excavate (2) – signed by the Board.

Renew Church use of the Meeting-house – Everett makes a motion to extend the rental for another 6 months, seconded by Mark; all in favor.

Employee Time Off Request – signed by the Board.

Public Participation

Jillian Thomas announced the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on April 19, 2025.

The Old Home Day Committee will be meeting Thursday at 6:00PM at the Town Office.

John Nowak asked about the handheld microphones at the Town Meeting and why they weren't available. Mark explained they were not working.

There being no further business, Daryl moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM, seconded by Everett; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant