

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025**

Board Present: Everett Thurber and Daryl Simino

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: David Richards, Jim Cheever, Cindy Cheever, Mindy Chadwick, Jon Thomas, Anna White, Kevin Bill, Jennifer Gildner-Blinn, Lynda Perry, Joe Moulton and Scott Goodspeed.

Everett called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

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

Approve/Amend Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on March 25, 2025, and the joint meeting of Marlow and Lempster Selectmen held on April 2, 2025.

Daryl moves to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Everett motion passes.

Old Business

Discussion on the Fire Department's proposed training facility. Daryl is looking for additional costs involved to the Town, including future costs for liability and maintenance. Everett mentioned that the previous discussions never got beyond where the department wanted to build the facility. Jon will produce an additional drawing of the proposed facility to the Board.

New Business

A request to rename LaBounty Drive to Pudgy Drive was received from the new property owner. Daryl makes a motion to approve the name change, seconded by Everett, the motion carries with the stipulation that the property owner is responsible for the road signage.

Department Reports

Fire/Rescue: Jon gave an update of the department's activities. The departments responded to the following in town calls – 2 MVA and 2 trees down. Out-of-town calls consisted of 2 trees down and coverage of the Newport fire station. There was a total of 3 ambulance calls.

Jon sought approval from the Board to allow the 8th grade class to hold a fund-raising car wash for their class trip at the Fire Station on May 31, 2025. Daryl makes a motion to allow the students to hold their fund raiser, seconded by Everett motion passes.

Jon presented a contract for the Boards approval for Life Pak services, the Board is looking for more information on the contract as the price is almost \$4,000.00 per year. (\$2,000.00 per unit) Scott questioned what the need was for a contract. Jon responded to be certain the units are properly calibrated.

Department members will be attending a Mental Health course at New London Hospital.

Highway Department: Culverts – Scott stated it's a little wet to be inspecting culverts at this time.

Conservation Commission: Lynda Perry announced upcoming events for the Conservation Commission:

April 26 “Exploiting the Values of Beavers While Ending the Conflict”

May 14 Road Clean Up

June 4 Mark Girard “Habitat Restoration at the Orchard”

June 7 National Trails Day Hike at Long Pond Trails

The CC is requesting that Mike Roulier be appointed as a full-fledged member of the commission and Vicky M. and Mindy Chadwick be reappointed. Everett moves to appoint the above members, seconded by Daryl motion carries.

Administrative and Correspondence

The following appointments were signed by the Board:

Kayla Brehio – Joint Loss Management

Jon Thomas – EMD

Melanie Kraus – Assistant EMD

Michael Roulier – Conservation Commission

Mindy Chadwick – Conservation Commission

The following documents were signed by the Board:

Timber Warrant

Excavation Warrant (2)

Exemption application (2)

Pistol Permit

Intent to Cut

Intent to Excavate

Public Participation

Anna White invited everyone to the first meeting for the Thriving Communities to be held at the Town Office on April 15 at 7:00 PM.

Jon Thomas requested a variance from the weight limit for School Road for delivery trucks to his business. Everett makes a motion to keep School Road posted, seconded by Daryl motion carries. The delivery drivers will need to call the Highway Department for approval to pass.

Discussion on appointing additional people to the JLMC, Everett stated the Board will take care of it.

There being no further business, Everett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM, seconded by Daryl; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara

Administrative Assistant