TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
***Approved as amended* Meeting Minutes**
October 13, 2026

Board Present: Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber, and Daryl Simino

Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara

Others Present: Ted Kraus, Melanie Kraus, Jim Cheever, Al Chandler, Jon Thomas

and Scott Goodspeed

Opening and Approval of Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM on October 12, 2026.
- A motion to approve September 22, 2026, minutes as printed was made, seconded, and passed.

Old Business:

Fire Department Inventory and Boat Motor Payment

- Inventory updates are scheduled for October 14, 2026.
- Boat Motor – Payment received by the Board.

Friends of the Lempster Meeting House

- No meeting date has been established; the matter remains under consideration.

Building Committee

- Work has begun but is progressing slowly due to current workloads. Further progress is anticipated after this week.

Transfer Station / Pay-As-You-Throw

- Pay-As-You-Throw remains on the agenda for future discussion.

New Business:

DES Follow-Up – Old Jolly Farmer Property

- Aries will provide a plan and pricing for soil delineation required by DES following removal of the former tank. The Town may qualify for a DES grant. Stuart will investigate grant eligibility and coordinate with the Town.

Department Reports:

Fire/Rescue
The department responded to 22 calls during the past 30 days, including mutual aid calls, MVAs, high CO readings, and a second-alarm fire.

Upcoming work includes

- Replace halogen lights with LEDs.

- Coordinate with Bonnie Plant regarding the proposed 18,000-gallon propane tank and required dry hydrant at Silver Springs and Manor Road.
- Attend the Washington mutual aid drill and large animal rescue training.
- Meet with Marlow officials regarding ongoing staffing and mutual-aid concerns.
- Lempster currently has 13 active members, with recruitment and staffing remaining concerns.
- An invoice from John is needed to complete the insurance claim and payment for the completed truck repair.
- The insurance certificate was previously sent to Shannon but was not received. It will be forwarded again and receipt confirmed.

Highway/Transfer Station

- Transfer Station staff completed lithium-ion battery and hazardous-waste training. Current procedures include sorting, taping, bagging, and using a containment kit for damaged or overheating batteries.
- Highway work included cutting brush back, culvert and ditch maintenance, graveling, grading, rolling, and calcium application. Work continues on Benway Hill and Lovejoy Road.
- Storm debris cleanup is complete. The plugged culvert on Hurd Pond Road was cleared, with gravel still needed. Approximately half of the roadside mowing is complete. Paving was completed on the Keyes Hollow aprons, and both ends of Lovejoy Road.
- Leaf blowing along ditch lines will continue to help prevent winter plowing damage.

Lovejoy Road Speed Table

- The newly installed speed table was determined to be ineffective. The contractor will return to make it more pronounced. Signs and pavement markings will be added after the correction.

Public Space / Dumping

- An unattended chair and other dumped items, ~~including mattresses at the old Unity store~~, will be removed and monitored to prevent further accumulation.

Mowing and Brush Hogging

- Brush hogging continues throughout town, weather permitting. The current priority is Dodge Hollow, followed by Lovejoy and other scheduled areas.

School Road / Fire Department Parking Lot

- School Road work is upcoming. The Fire Department parking lot will be smoothed out during the same work cycle, if feasible.

Administration and Correspondence:

Documents Signed

- MS-1, Land Use Change Tax (3), and Warrant (Map/Lots 232-25.2A, 242-5, 203-2), Warrant for November 3 General Election, and Employee Time Off Requests (3).

Lempster Village Bible Church – Meeting House

- The Board agreed to renew the church's weekly use of the meeting house for six months and Christmas Eve rental. Thursday morning use will be clarified, including its approval status and anticipated end date. Scheduling will account for the November 3 election.

Public Participation:

Driveway Construction / Wetlands

- A cease-and-desist letter will be issued regarding driveway and site work until required permits and plans are reviewed. Scott will verify the driveway permit status and consult with DES regarding any required wetland permits.

Burn Permit Process

- The Town supports promoting New Hampshire's online burn permit system as the preferred permitting method. Residents will be informed of the online process, including seasonal cooking permits and applicable time restrictions.

There being no further business, Daryl moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM, seconded by Everett; all in favor.
Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cantara
Administrative Assistant