

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, June 4, 2020

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Frank Reeder, Clayton Stalker, Russ Austin

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Chairman Frank Reeder.
2. Approval of Minutes: May 21, 2020 Motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Clayton Stalker to approve a manifest of \$2,353.60 for the highway department and \$217,775.47 for all other bills for a total of \$220,129.07. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guests: None
5. Old Business:
  - A. Partridge Brook Road obstacles in the town right-of-way have been moved as requested.
  - B. Insurance claims: The cost to replace the stolen chain saw was \$689 and the cost to replace the granite posts on the town common is \$855. Both claims are under the \$1,000 deductible the town has.
  - C. Town Hall septic: The possibility of grant money for a septic system for the town hall will be looked into.
  - D. Broadband loan agreement: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin, to accept the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank Loan Agreement and Certificate of Vote. Motion passed 3-0.
  - E. Covid19 –
    1. Opening of town hall: Those needing to go to the Town Clerk and/or Selectmen's office will be allowed in the town hall, practicing social distancing, wearing masks and using hand sanitizer when they enter the building. Staff will be working through glass partitions in the office doors. The public is not allowed in the offices or meeting room. Per RSA 41:11a, a motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin, to require masks and the use of hand sanitizer when entering the town hall. Motion passed 3-0.
    2. The Selectmen will discuss the further opening of the town hall for committee/board meetings following a possible change in the stay-at-home orders made by the Governor on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
    3. \$1,965.58 was received from the NH Coronavirus Relief Fund for reimbursement of covid19 expenses the town has incurred.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

  - Payroll: May 29, 2020 & May 31, 2020
  - Amazon: Tax Collector Envelopes 5/15/2020
  - General Journal Entries: #713 & 714
  - EFTPS - Payroll taxes: 5/29/2020 & June 4, 2020
  - Healthtrust: Insurance 5/28/2020
  - NH Retirement System: 5/28/2020
  - Timber Tax Warrant: R7-16
  - A. Selectmen discussed security at the highway garage with the possibility of installing a different gate. As the property is not 100% surrounded by a fence, putting a more secure gate would not make a difference.

B. The NH Division of Land & Forests is looking at doing repairs to the land they own on Hyland Hill Road. They plan to take the old fire tower down and repair the access to the land, which is on a Class VI road in Westmoreland. As doing repairs to a Class VI road requires approval by the Board of Selectmen, a request to do so will be sent by the State when the project is ready to begin.

7. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office.*  
Mike Kowalczyk, who is leading a new initiative called the Monadnock Region Rail Trail Collaborative, would like to do a presentation of the groups objective to restore and maintain the Cheshire, Ashuelot, and Fort Hill Rail Trails in the Monadnock Region. He will be invited to a meeting in the near future.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Frank Reeder, Chairman

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Clayton R. Stalker

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Russ Austin

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, June 18, 2020, 10:00AM

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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES