

# Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Clayton Stalker.
2. Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2021. Motion was made by Russ Austin second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Russ Austin to approve a manifest of \$19,519.62. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Backhoe bids opened. Six bids were opened ranging from \$5000 - \$20,002. Motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Russ Austin to accept the highest bid of \$20,002, and to accept second highest bid \$19,650 if highest falls through. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Daggett Hill - A notice to vacate and remove all belongings was delivered to August Waters with instructions to remove the unregistered vehicle parked on Daggett Hill Road. If not removed within allotted time vehicle will be towed per RSA 262:40
  - B. Tower Clock - Frank Reeder to wind tower clock until permanent replacement found
  - C. Planning Board hearing December 15th to discuss home business site plan changes. Selectboard suggests the Planning Board wait until revisions are made to definitions, however, the Planning board does not need approval and can proceed with site plan changes. Alison Fissette said the Planning Board's goal is to make it easier and cheaper for home businesses to be in compliance with the town. Fissette also said the Planning Board made clarifications to home business and home occupation definitions at the last meeting.. Ordinance changes for Accessory Dwelling Units have also been worked on and will be voted on by the town in March. Frank Reeder asked Fissette if the Planning Board planned to include money in their budget for hiring a consultant to review and help organize ordinances. Fissette said they had not planned to, but would talk to the board about budgeting and seeing what types of grants might be available from SWRP to help with ordinances other than housing that were discussed at the last Selectboard meeting.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:  
Payroll: 11/13/2021  
Payroll Taxes: 11/18/2021  
Amazon: 11/8/2021, 11/9/2021  
General Journal Entry #782, 783

  - A.. Health Service Request - Selectmen agreed to level fund request as follows: Community Kitchen \$600; Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Service General \$700; Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Service Meals on Wheels \$400; Monadnock Family Services \$2000; Southwest Community Services \$500; CASA of NH \$400; Community Volunteer Transportation Co. \$200; MCVP Crisis & Prevention Center \$200; Monadnock Regional Child Advocacy Center - \$200

B. Motion was made by Russ Austin second by Frank Reeder to accept per RSA 31:19 to accept donations for the WEstmoreland Veterans Memorial Fund in the amount of \$200. Motion passed 3-0.

C. ARPA Grant - Receive \$23,359 from Cheshire County to be spent using the same guidelines as money received from the state. Chris Coates is coming Monday, November 22nd at 10am to help with spending guidelines and how the town can best use the money.

7. Budget - Worked on the 2022 budgets for Cemetery Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trustfunds, Conservation Committee. Town Clerk, and Emergency Management

8 Correspondence:

An email was received from Lauren Bressett discussing the disparity between the assessments of higher priced houses versus average priced. Clayton Stalker suggested that the selectboard refer Bressett to the assessor for answers and the board agreed.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Scanlan

Town Administrative Assistant

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, December 2, 2021, 1:00pm

MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED

SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clayton Stalker, Chairman

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Russ Austin

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Frank Reeder