

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 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: September 17, 2020 Motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:
 - A. Moderator Peter Hills was present to ask for approval from the Selectmen to hold the November 3rd General Election at the school instead of at the Town Hall. Peter cited with the increased number of voters expected for the election, maintaining social distancing and poll observers that might be present, that the space in the gymnasium would be better suited for both the poll workers and voters. School Principal Mark Hayward has given his approval to use the school. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Clayton Stalker to hold the 2020 General Election at the school. Motion passed 3-0.
Voting booths, tables, etc. will be brought to the school for setup after 5pm on Monday, November 2nd and will be returned to the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 4th.
 - B. Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee: Chairman Tom Finnegan presented a letter to the Selectmen asking for their approval to bring the proposal recommended by the committee for a new fire station to a vote of the townspeople. A conceptual design has been completed. A conceptual estimate (\$1,982,500) of the new fire station was presented by Owner Rep, Steve Horton. Some items on the original estimate have been deferred or eliminated to keep the cost down. Selectman Reeder stated that if the items are needed, they should be included in the estimate now so that the town is not asked for more money later to have them added. The Fire Department believe money can be saved by using volunteers to help in the demolition of the old station. The Town Administrator will check with the insurance company to see if using volunteers would be acceptable.
The committee will look at possible grants for the project. Obtaining the generator that the County is replacing at Maplewood will also be looked into.
Selectman Reeder stated that he has gotten questions regarding the number of pieces of apparatus that the Fire Department has. He feels that this question will be asked at the public sessions that will be held and the Fire Department should be ready to answer it. He suggested getting a list of what towns with a similar population have for vehicles would help. Mr. Horton will work on this. Architect Mike Petrovick would like to schedule an informational meeting for the public during the first two weeks in November. He feels the school would be an appropriate location.
The Committee will bring a final estimate to the Selectmen's meeting on October 15th.
4. A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 11:05am. Motion passed 3-0.
5. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Clayton Stalker, to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 11:25am. Motion passed 3-0.

6. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Russ Austin to approve a manifest of \$9,374.82 for the highway department and \$250,616.87 for all other bills for a total of \$259,991.69. Motion passed 3-0.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll: September 22, 2020 & September 30, 2020

Payroll Taxes: September 24, 2020 & September 30, 2020

Tractor Supply: Open trailer, 9/18/20

NH DMV: Trailer plates, 9/21/2020

NHRS: Retirement, 9/28, 2020

Healthtrust: Insurance, 9/28/2020

A. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Clayton Stalker, per RSA 31:19, to accept donations for the Westmoreland Veteran's Memorial Fund in the amount of \$800.00. Motion passed 3-0. 41 bricks for the walkway have been sold to date.

B. Dan Shelley has agreed to serve as the Westmoreland representative on a new group called the Monadnock Region Rail Trails Collaborative that has been formed to clean-up the rail trails in the area, including the part of the Cheshire Rail Trail in town.

9. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office.* None

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank Reeder, Chairman

Clayton R. Stalker

Russ Austin

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, October 15, 2020, 10:00AM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED -
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES