

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Russ Austin.
2. Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2020. Motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:
John Snowdon, Broadband Advisory Committee:
 1. John reported that he had attended a meeting with Senator Hassan. She is hoping to present legislation that would financially help towns get broadband to their communities. Retroactive funds to towns already in the process was discussed.
 2. Consolidated is working on a final agreement for the town following a meeting with the Selectmen and town attorney, Silas Little.
 3. John will ask the bond attorney if filing a UCC will be necessary and what the cost would be.
 4. Discussion ensued regarding the broadband article to be voted at the town meeting on March 11th.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to approve a manifest of \$10,563.57 for the highway department and \$3,815.27 for all other bills for a total of \$14,378.84. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Fire Station: The Advisory Committee continues to review the proposed floor plans. There is currently no meeting of the project team scheduled.
 - B. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Clayton Stalker, to allow the Fire Department Association to keep the funds (\$1,500) from the sale of the old rescue equipment. Motion passed 3-0.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

 - Payroll: 2/11/2020
 - EFTPS - Payroll taxes: 2/13/2020
 - Invoice Cloud fee: 2/10/2020
 - Home Depot: Highway-tool box 2/20/2020
 - General Journal Entries: #699 Bensonwood payment from TTF
 - A. The "Is Recycling Still Worth it?" webinar recently held was discussed. Statistics from NHDES state that by 2035, the landfills located in NH will be filled. Over 50% of the material going into NH landfills is from Massachusetts. Even though the demand for recycling has diminished and the town has to now pay to dispose of it, recycling keeps material out of the landfills. There are some items, such as glass, that if it was separated from the co-mingle items, could be profitable.
The Selectmen will look to appoint a Recycling Center Advisory Committee in 2020 to look at the future of our facility and what can be done to help defray cost.

B. Selectmen will meet with the Road Agent to discuss the hiring of a third person for the highway crew.

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

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Russ Austin, Chairman

Frank Reeder

Clayton R. Stalker

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, March 5, 2020, 6:00PM
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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES