

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Thursday, January 6, 2022

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Clayton Stalker.
2. Chairman, Stalker, opened the Public Hearing to Accept and expend unanticipated money (\$23,359.96) per RSA 31:95-b Cheshire County representing a share of funds allocated to towns from Coronavirus American Rescue Act Funds (ARPA).
3. Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2021. Motion was made by Russ Austin seconded by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Russ Austin, seconded by Frank Reeder to Approve Manifests: General Fund - \$221,864.84 and Broadband - \$10,890.00 and to Encumber Funds: ARPA State - \$88,358.06 and ARPA County - \$23,359.96, and Veteran Memorial Fund - \$8,500. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guest:

John Snowdon would like to invite J.B. Mack from SWRPC and Dori Drachman, co-chair of the Monadnock Sustainability Hub to make a 30-minute presentation about the various community power options available to Westmoreland. Several surrounding towns are forming plans for collaborating power to save money. Selectmen agreed it would be in the interest of the town to hear the presentation and have Mack and Drachman come to the February 3rd meeting at 1pm.

Snowdon also said that the Planning Board voted to work with Lisa Murphy from Southwest Regional Planning (SWRP) using the PlanNH Grant to review zoning. Grants are available \$5,000-\$20,000 and the town would match 15% in time contribution with the amount awarded.
5. Old Business:
 - A. A Motion was made by Clayton Stalker seconded by Frank Reeder to have Bill Chase fill the position of Health Office Motion passed 3-0.
 - B. A three year contract was signed with Plodzik & Sanderson to do the town auditing.
 - C. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Frank Reeder and seconded by Russ Austin to retract the motion to close Town Common Road. Selectmen will look for other ways to prohibit truck traffic. Motion passed 3-0.
 - D. ARPA Grant may be able to be used to improve the heating system in the Town Hall as well as install a lift system to make the upstairs handicap accessible. Dale Zajak is coming to look at the Town Hall in regards to heating the upstairs and recommending a cleaner system.
6. New Business:
 - A. A Motion was made by Frank Reeder seconded by Clayton Stalker to implement the Recycling Center Snow Plowing Policy. Motion passed 3-0.
 - B. Annual groundwater monitoring report for wells in relation to the old landfill done for DES review.
 - C. A Motion was made by Russ Austin and seconded by Clayton Stalker to participate in the Hazardous Waste Collection 2022-2023 in Keene. Cost to the town \$2125.27 Motion passed 3-0.

D. Town Hall roof leaking. Teddy Ferguson looked at it and said TJ would repair the issue as soon as possible. Toilet not flushing and leaking evident in basement. Kenny Thompson found a pipe sagging causing a flow issue, and replaced the pipe.

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Pistol Permit
Intent to Cut R5-33
General Journal Entries #787, 788
Payroll: 12/25/2021, 12/31/2021
Payroll Taxes: 12/20/2021, 12/31/2021

Healthtrust: 12/20/2021
NH Retirement: 12/20/2021
Balance Sheet 12/21/2021
Patnode Excavation 12/28/21
Invoice Cloud 1/4/2021

7. Correspondence:

1. City of Keene letter inviting the Selectmen to a legislative delegation meeting January 24, 2022
2. Donation thank you letters: Maplewood Nursing Home, Monadnock Family Services, Community Volunteer Services, CASA

8. There was no public input during Public Hearing. Motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by Russ Austin to Accept and expend unanticipated money (\$23,359.96) per RSA 31:95-b Cheshire County representing a share of funds allocated to towns from Coronavirus American Rescue Act Funds (ARPA) Motion passed 3-0. The Public Hearing Closed at 2:13pm

9. Worked on the 2022 operating budget and warrant articles. Will finish budget Tuesday, January 11th 1pm

10. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by Russ Austin to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 2:53pm. Motion passed 3-0.

11. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder, to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 3:15pm. Motion passed 2-0. 11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrative Assistant

NEXT MEETING –THURSDAY JANUARY 13,2022 6:00pm
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SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clayton Stalker, Chairman

Russ Austin

Frank Reeder