

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, July 22, 2021

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01AM by Chairman Clayton Stalker.
2. Approval of Minutes: July 1, 2021. Motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:
  - A. Alison Fissette & Lauren Bressett, from the Planning Board, were in attendance to question the decision of the Selectmen that the recently opened horse riding camp on Poocham Road did not need a Special Exception for a business. The decision was based on the fact that Agriculture & Forestry Use is a permitted use in the Rural Residential District and the definition of Agriculture & Forestry includes riding and boarding stables. Selectman Austin stated that he talked to the owner and she has gotten a business license through the State. She offers three week-long riding camps during the summer and boards two horses beside her own. Based on that, Selectmen Austin and Reeder feel now that it is a business and will need to go the Zoning Board for a Special Exception. Jo Ann LaBarre, Town Admin., pointed out that there are many businesses in town that work out of their homes that do not have Special Exceptions from the Zoning Board. It was agreed that the difference between Home Occupation and Home Business is confusing and should be addressed by the Planning Board so that everyone is treated equally.  
Lauren asked if money could be put in the budget to have Southwest Region Planning Commission help in organizing the Westmoreland Ordinances to make them more user-friendly. The Planning Board can include funds in their 2022 budget request.  
Selectman Stalker suggested that the ordinances be simplified.
  - B. Jude Nuru, Director of Community Solar Initiatives, was present to see if the Selectmen would be interested in looking at alternative energy solutions. Selectman Reeder stated that there might be a possibility in the future for solar at a new fire station. Mr. Nuru's information will be kept on file and he was thanked for attending the meeting.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to approve a manifest of \$27,241.98. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Tax Deeding: Selectmen approved having the County Sheriff's Department deliver a deeding notice (sent by certified mail) that was not picked up by the property owner.
  - B. Recycling & Solid Waste Committee: All five members have exchanged contact information and will be setting up a meeting date and time in the near future.
  - C. Winter Plowing: An ad has been placed in the Keene Sentinel and posted in town. Specifications are available on the town website or in the town hall. Six letters with specs were sent to local people.
  - D. Emergency Operation Plan: Tom Finnegan, Emergency Management Director, in conjunction with the Southwest Region Planning Commission, has begun work on the 5-yr update of the Plan.
  - E. Beginning in September, Selectmen meetings will be held as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 1PM and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6PM.

6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll: 7/13/2021

Payroll Taxes: 7/15/2021

General Journal Entry: #768 & #769

Overpayment of Property Taxes: 7/6/2021

Amazon (office supplies/road signs): 7/6/2021 & 7/15/2021

Invoice Cloud (online sign-ups): 7/6/2021

Notary Public fee for Town Clerk: 7/15/2021

Cemetery Deed: 1

Intent to Cut Timber: R4-2

Veteran's Credit: 1

Abatement: R14-58

Thank you letter for Jackie Cleary, ZB Clerk

- A. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Clayton Stalker, per RSA 31:19, to accept donations for the Westmoreland Pickle Ball Court Fund in the amount of \$754.38. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. A motion as made by Frank Reeder, second by Russ Austin, per RSA 31:19, to accept cemetery trust funds in the amount of \$600. Motion passed 3-0.
- C. Selectman Reeder stated that he received a question asking if the town had noise or fireworks ordinances in regards to the annual TimFest held on Hatt Road. A permit is not required for the event and the town does not have a fireworks ordinance.
- D. Deb Stavseth has requested permission for the Historical Society to have another locked cabinet in the upstairs of the Town Hall. Selectmen approve of the request.
- E. Senator Jay Kahn will be attending the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to update the Selectmen on recent State legislation, etc. The Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee will also be attending the meeting.

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

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, August 5, 2021, 1:00AM

MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED -  
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

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Clayton Stalker, Chairman

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Russ Austin

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Frank Reeder