

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, September 30, 2021

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chairman Clayton Stalker.
2. Approval of Minutes: September 16, 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 \$245,481.39. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guests: None
5. Old Business:
 - A. River Road North DES extended permit due to expire September 30th for 30 days. Work has to be done when dry so may have to ask for additional extension.
 - B. A motion was made by Clayton to subcontract Bill Patnode to plow one of the plow routes for the 2021-2022 season. Russ Austin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0
 - C. Selectmen signed the Economic Development Advisory Committee purpose and goals statement that was approved at last meeting.
 - D. Jonathan Lifschutz would like to fill the position of Zoning Administrator. A motion was made to appoint Jonathan Lifschutz as Zoning Administrator by Frank Reeder and seconded by Russ Austin. Motion passed 3-0.
 - E. Town Attorney, Silas Little, retiring in November. Frank Reeder recommended that selectboard find out who the Municipal Association might recommend, and further research possibilities of local attorneys specializing in municipal law. Will need to compile recommendation, and put out RFP for a new town attorney.
 - F. John Lounsbury informed selectmen that the Town Hall clock weights are catching on a wire creating a potentially dangerous situation for someone winding the clock. Selectmen agreed that the clock not be wound until an electrician be contacted to resolve the issue. Selectmen also discussed that due to disrepair and liability the public was not to access the upstairs including the clock area.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:
Payroll: 9/21/2021, 9/28,2021 & 9/31/2021
Payroll Taxes: 9/23/2021, 9/30/2021
NH Retirement 9/30/2021
Health Insurance 9/30/2021

- A. Letters for the new town assessments will be sent out October 1, 2021 by M&N Assessing. Assessments for the town went up 19.4% based on home sales for the last 4 years. The tax rate will drop as a result to the increased value within the town. Discussion followed regarding continuing with the current assessor.
- B. It was brought to the attention of the board that someone is camping/living on a Daggett Hill property that was deeded in August for nonpayment of taxes and is now owned by the town. It is thought to be the son of the previous owner. The town attorney advised a trespassing notice with a copy of the deed be hand delivered informing them the property was taken and they be given a set number of days to vacate. Selectboard to ask Sheriff's Department to accompany a Selectmen while delivering the notice.

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

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

9. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder, to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 2:55pm. Motion passed 3-0.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clayton Stalker, Chairman

Russ Austin

Frank Reeder

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, October 21, 2021, 6:00pm

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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES