

# Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 2023

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Russ Austin, Frank Reeder and John Snowdon.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Russ Austin
2. Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2022. Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0
3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Frank Reeder to Approve Manifests for: General Fund \$69,632.79, \$289,926.67, Fire Station \$9,950.00 Motion passed 3-0.

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll: 12/24/2022	Retirement \$3308	General Journal Entry:
Payroll Taxes: 12/26/2022	Amazon \$32.48	825-Recreation CR
Solar Credits (2)	USPS \$14.50	826-FS Bond Payment
Application Current Use	Invoice Cloud \$20.80	827-TH & Fire Equip CR
	Crystal Rock \$50.25	

#### 4. Guest:

Harry Nelson

- New rescue chassis has been ordered from Faith's Ford in Brattleboro at the lowest price. No details yet on delivery date.
- Cleaning out the Fire Station before the demo. Some items such as doors, openers, the generator, and hot air furnace are old, but still useful. Dave Poklemba is interested in the generator as well as a door with an opener that is the same size as a damaged one at the town garage. The rest could potentially be sold. Selectboard agreed that it makes sense for the highway garage to use what they can since it already belongs to the town and that any of these items that can be sold is good for the town.

Mark Terry

- 1st Community Power Informational Meeting January 5th at 7pm at the Town Hall.
- 2nd Community Power Informational Meeting February 9th 7pm. at the Town Hall

#### 5. Old Business:

- A. Daggett Hill Camper has been removed from property. Need to dispose of. Reeder - See if Harry would want to burn for training. If not all agree to have the highway department demo and dispose of.

- B. Town Hall Lift - Lift for ADA compliance will be approximately \$70,000. There is not a plan at the moment to use the upstairs for public events. Could be added at a later time if this changes. With all the work to be done to restore the Town Hall selectboard agreed better to push the lift to another year and focus funds on electrical work needed to update the upstairs.
- C. Fidium - Snowdon - Residents have received notices to change to Fidium by January 31st for promotional pricing. After that standard prices will apply.

6. New Business:

- A. Open Storage in Village Center - Selectmen emailed concern about violation of town ordinance section 422. Reeder - Complaint Form needs to be filed by concerned residents for the selectboard to formally address issues. Selectmen do not have resources to enforce all violations and are advised by town council to only address complaints filed using approved format. Allison Fissette - Wouldn't it be reasonable for the selectboard to write a letter informing residents of violations as they are brought to the board's attention? People may not know they are in violation. Could help eliminate future problems. Selectmen should enforce ordinances including incomplete zoning permits with outstanding conditions that have not been met. After a brief discussion the selectboard agreed a letter would be sent to notify the residents of zoning violations.
- B. Received State revenue:  
Meals and Rooms \$148,908 - budgeted annual revenue dispersed by state  
SB401 Bridge Grant \$107,786.96 - additional grant funding
- C. Hazardous Waste Collection - Cost for town to participate in hazardous waste collection days for 2023-2024 season (24 collections) \$2610. Selectmen agreed to continue the program since it helps eliminate improper disposal.
- D. Budget Committee Dates:  
School Budget Committee Meeting - January 7th 9am at school  
Town Budget Committee Meetings - January 11th and 18th 6pm at Town Hall  
Public Budget Hearing - February 3rd 7pm at Town Hall

- 7. Correspondence - Thank you note from Maplewood for donation from Starkey/Cobb fund
- 8. Budget - Finished revenue and began warrant articles for 2023
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Scanlan  
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 2023 6:00PM

**NO MEETING JANUARY 19TH**

MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Russ Austin, Chairman

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Frank Reeder

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John Snowdon