

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, June 18, 2020

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07AM by Chairman Frank Reeder.
2. Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2020 Motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:  
Scott Talbot: Scott informed the Selectmen that the Fire Department Advisory Committee meeting being held at the school later today at 3:30PM would be practicing social distancing and that masks would be available for those that didn't come to the meeting with one.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to approve a manifest of \$123,608.22 for the highway department and \$22,056.65 for all other bills for a total of \$145,664.87. Motion passed 3-0.  
FEMA approved the spending of funds left from the 2019 Thermal Camera Grant for the Fire Department. Revenue has been received from FEMA and supplies were purchased.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Covid19 – Based on a change in orders by the Governor, further reopening and changes in town business will take place as follows:
    1. Town Hall: Committee/Board Meetings can commence. All meetings will take place in the dining room, practicing social distancing and using hand sanitizer. Masks are required. Admittance to the office spaces is limited to the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Administrator. If you need access, call Jo Ann LaBarre, Town Admin.
    2. Recycling Center: Cardboard can be broken down by the resident and stacked in the appropriate bin. Fee items can be accepted – payment by check is preferred. The swap shack will remain closed at this time. No one is allowed in the office shed except employees. Social distancing is continuing and masks should be used for interactions with each other and with employees.
    3. The Town Hall is not available for rental functions.
  - B. Hyland Hill Road: The State of NH, Division of Forests & Lands has asked for permission to work on a section of Hyland Hill Road that goes to and abuts land that was used for a State fire tower in the past. The State will be taking down the old tower and doing some work on their land. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Clayton Stalker to allow work on Hyland Hill Road, stipulating that the road not be increased in width and that any culverts removed or replaced be approved by the Road Agent. Motion passed 3-0.
  - C. Recycling Center Advisory Committee: As town committees can meet once again, the Selectmen will look for people to serve on a three-member Advisory Committee to explore ways to reduce the overall tax impact of the Town Recycling Center by identifying and recommending improvements, efficiencies and other cost-saving measures. Those interested should contact Town Administrator, Jo Ann LaBarre.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:  
Payroll: June 12, 2020 & June 16, 2020  
General Journal Entries: #715  
EFTPS - Payroll taxes: 6/12/2020 & 6/18/2020  
Eversource/Consolidated Pole Licenses: 1

- A. Healthtrust (Employee Insurance): Due to an overall decline in claims and elective surgeries, Healthtrust foresees dividends coming back to towns in 2020.
  - B. The State has recently made \$50,000,000 in funds available for Broadband Expansion Programs in under-serviced towns. This has come about due to students not having the needed internet for remote learning during the Covid19 pandemic. Requirements will be looked into to see if Westmoreland qualifies.
7. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office.*  
A letter was received from Pete and Wendy Petschik regarding a dog owned by Nina & Jeff Aldrich on Paine Road. The dog owners will be sent a letter regarding the town leash law and while the barking may be a nuisance, there are no ordinances that pertain.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Frank Reeder, Chairman

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Clayton R. Stalker

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Russ Austin

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, July 2, 2020, 10:00AM

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