

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2018

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

Upon receipt of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on March 14, 2018, Chairman Stalker, per RSA 91-A:2,II, called a meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Postings were done at the Town Hall, Post Office and on the town's website.

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00AM by Chairman Clayton Stalker.
2. Chairman Stalker expressed the need to have called this meeting as he felt it was a situation that needed immediate attention and action by the Board of Selectmen.
3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting were obtained from the Department of Revenue (DRA) web portal, which were posted on April 5, 2018. A copy of the minutes has not been given to the Selectmen's Office by the Town Clerk as of today.
4. Upon reading the minutes, the Selectmen found what they believe to be misquotes, false statements, inaccuracies and omissions pertaining, in particular, to the discussion related to Article 12. Article 12, per the recommendation of the Auditors, was to amend the pay structure of the Town Clerk from a combination of salary and fees to a compensation of salary only. According to the Auditors, doing so would "improve documentation and control over department receipts, and will simplify the calculation of clerk fees".
5. The Town Clerk did not address the room during the discussion of Article 12. The minutes reflect many comments made with no substantiation of who said them. The Selectmen contend that many of the comments stated were not said publicly at the meeting and believe that the Town Clerk has interjected her own personal rebuttals.
6. The DRA has been contacted to confirm that the minutes are a draft and under contention.
7. The Town Attorney has been contacted regarding the legal process to rectify the minutes. Upon his advice, the Selectmen will request a copy of the tape of the meeting taken by the Town Clerk.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clayton R. Stalker, Chairman

Russ Austin

Frank Reeder