

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, February 15, 2018

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jack Zeller, Clayton Stalker, Russ Austin

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Zeller.
2. Approval of Minutes: February 25, 2018. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Clayton Stalker to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests/Public Business:

John Snowdon, JJ Prior and Chris Ballou were present to inform the Selectmen of the work they have done regarding options available for improving broadband access in Westmoreland. They have found that, based on input from Facebook, many people are dissatisfied with the current internet service in town. They have met with Southwest Region Planning Commission to gain information about what other towns are doing and with internet experts to discuss options. Many towns begin with doing a survey of townspeople to find out how many people use the internet and what they currently use for service. John Snowdon stated that they would like to be an official town committee with the backing of the Selectmen before doing any further work. Representing the town, they could also attend Regional Coalition meetings on the subject that are held monthly at Keene City Hall. Westmoreland currently has a contract with Argent Communications that will expire in 2020.

A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to establish the Westmoreland Broadband Advisory Committee and appoint John Snowdon, JJ Prior and Chris Ballou as members. The purpose of the committee will be to research and explore possibilities of increasing internet coverage in town and bring their findings to the Selectmen. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Jack Zeller to approve a manifest of \$25,535.13 for the Highway Department and \$2,081.52 for all other bills for a total of \$27,616.65. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:

Town Hall Rent: The Budget Committee has recommended that the Selectmen review the charges for renting the town hall. Jo Ann will make a list of the events that occur for the Selectmen to review at their March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:  
Payroll Manifests: 2/10/2018  
General Journal Entries – #640  
Trial Balance, Balance Sheet, General Ledger: as of 1/31/2018

January Bank Statement: Checking Account  
Payroll Tax payments: 02/15/2018  
Westmoreland Post Office payment: 2/6/2018

- A. Selectmen signed the 2018 Town Warrant for posting.
  - B. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector informed the Selectmen in writing that she would no longer be selling recycling center stickers in her office.
7. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office.*  
A thank you was received from Stacy Cibula of the Monadnock Conservancy for the support of the Town with the Moore conservation project that was recently completed.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Jack Zeller, Chairman

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Clayton R. Stalker

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Russ Austin

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, March 1, 2018, 6:00PM  
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES