

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, February 21, 2019

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Stalker.
2. Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2019. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:

David Wirth was present to propose installing a solar array on the Highway garage roof. Dave stated that he would pay for the panels and installation and there would be no cost to the town. As the owner of the array, he would receive a payment from the town each year. With that payment and the drastic decrease in the monthly electric bills at the garage, Dave guaranteed that the town would save money. Dave will draw up a Power Purchase Agreement that will be reviewed by the town attorney before a decision is made by the Selectmen to proceed.

Frank Reeder asked if Dave was here representing himself or as a member of the Alternative Energy Committee in making this proposal. Frank added that this was not a goal of the committee when it was established. Dave stated that he had spoken to the committee about his proposal and that while they agree with it, he is representing himself as a businessman.

Dave also suggested that the town have an energy audit done on its current electric services.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to approve a manifest of \$14,094.78 for the highway department and \$3,775.91 for all other bills for a total of \$17,870.69. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Audit update: The 2018 audit will begin on March 5. The Tax Collector forensic audit should be completed within the next two weeks.
  - B. Offshore Renewable Energy Task Force: At last year's town meeting, an Article was passed for the Town to express its support for NH to participate with other New England States in an intergovernmental task force formed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. A letter was sent to Governor Sununu following the meeting. A letter was recently received from the Office of Strategic Initiatives that the task force has been formed as part of the "Smart from the Start" program, which is designed for communities to have their input heard in the potential for offshore wind turbines and other renewable energy sources.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:  
Payroll: February 12, 2019  
Payroll Taxes: February 13, 2109  
Go-Daddy: Website security  
Post Office: #16263 Stamp purchase prior to the rate increase  
Trial Balance & Balance Sheet: January 2019

  - A. Timber Tax Refund: A refund was approved for Larry Siegel as the logger initially filled out the Report of Cut incorrectly.

- B. Per RSA 76:11, the Selectmen signed an approval for tax bills to be sent electronically upon request by the taxpayer. The Town Clerk and Tax Collector are taking steps toward the town accepting payments online.
- C. Town Hall septic system: the post office toilet is not flushing correctly. A plumber will be onsite tomorrow to look at the situation and find a solution.
- D. Town Hall kitchen stove: The oven in one of the stoves is not working. A repairman will look at on February 25.
- E. 2019 Warrant: Selectmen signed the Warrant listing all of the articles to be voted on at town meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Frank Reeder reported that complaints have come to him regarding target shooting at the highway garage property. The town attorney and insurance company will be asked their opinion regarding possible liability.
- G. Security and a safe environment for employees at the Town Hall was discussed. Options will be looked in to.
- H. The Road Agent will be asked to attend the next meeting on March 7.

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

8. Public Business: None

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clayton R. Stalker, Chairman

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Russ Austin

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Frank Reeder

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, March 7, 2019, 6:00PM  
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES