

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2019

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:59AM by Chairman Russ Austin.
2. Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2019. A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:
 - A. Clyde Simino was present to ask the Selectmen to visit his shop property on McAdam Road to look at the situation where he believes that Tim & Cindy Hatt are not following the setback regulations on their property. He stated that they have put items on the property that are within the 20' setback requirement. The Selectmen want Zoning Administrator Bill Campbell to look at the property, determine if ordinances are being broken and bring his findings to them for enforcement if necessary. Clyde still wants the Selectmen to visit the property. Russ stated that he will look at it today if the meeting is done prior to noon.
 - B. Eversource: Connor Jennings, Community Relations Specialist and Charlotte Ancel, Director of Energy Strategy and Policy were present to discuss a proposal that Eversource would like to present to the town. Due to the number of outages in Westmoreland, Eversource has chosen it to be the location of a large lithium ion battery that would come on when power is lost on lines that would run for up to four hours. The current location they are looking at is on County property. Eversource is looking for cleaner and more resilient systems. Eversource will also offer incentives to residents who would like to purchase smaller batteries for their homes. This would be a voluntary program. Eversource and the Selectmen agreed that having public meetings for residents to learn about the projects would be beneficial and dates will be looked at.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to approve a manifest of \$110,435.81 for the highway department and \$9,371.88 for all other bills for a total of \$119,807.69. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Power Purchase Agreement from Solar Dave, LLC: Dave will be paying for the panels and in turn, the town will pay Dave 10¢ per kilowatt hour that the system will produce for 6 years. After 6 years, the town will own the system. Russ Austin asked Dave Wirth what the savings would be if solar panels were put on the highway garage. Without knowing the hours that the employees work, it would be hard to know for sure, but Dave estimates a savings of approximately \$500 per year. The system has a 25 year warranty. The town is currently using First Point Power as a supplier with a contract that will expire in August of 2020. Jo Ann will look at the consequences of taking the highway garage out of the current contract.
 - B. Flagpole light: nothing new to report – waiting for confirmation from donor.
 - C. Town Common Advisory Committee: The committee has notified the Selectmen that they will not be soliciting funds for the Veteran's Memorial until a budget and plan has been approved. The minutes of their May 6th meeting also requests that the Selectmen dissolve the Town Common Advisory Committee that was appointed in May of 2017 and in the fall appoint a Committee that would work only on the Veteran's Memorial. At that time, any new people who are interested in joining those who have worked on the Memorial in the past would be appointed as a new committee.
A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Clayton Stalker to disband the Town Common Advisory Committee. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee: A Request for Purchase (RFP) was received prior to the meeting for doing a conceptual plan for a new fire station. The Selectmen will review the RFP and discuss it at their June 6 meeting.

6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll: May 7, 2019

Payroll Taxes: May 8, 2019

General Journal Entries: #674-677

- A. Consolidated Communications Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Broadband Advisory Committee, the Selectmen approved and signed a Mutual Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement with Consolidated Communications so that information can be provided to and from the Broadband Advisory Committee in their work to help improve internet service in town.
- B. Selectmen signed the three deeds written by the town attorney of the town properties recently sold.
- C. Jeff & Lori Ingram have requested an extension of their permit to upgrade 650' of Old County Road from Class VI to Class V. Selectmen approved a two-year extension.
- D. Cemetery flags will be put on Veteran graves for Memorial Day by Selectmen, the school and other volunteers.
- E. Elaine Moore, as president of NH Farm Bureau, would like to serve on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. The Selectmen will ask the Committee for their recommendation to appoint Elaine.
- F. Town Clerk, Jodi Scanlan, spoke to the Selectmen regarding her hours that she is open on the 1st Saturday of each month. In the almost 8 months that she has been working, there has been very little activity on the Saturday hours. The other issue is that the State Motor Vehicle is not open on Saturdays, so if there is a problem, there would be no one available for help. Jodi will be compensating for the elimination of Saturday hours by changing her hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon to 3-7 instead of 4-7.

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

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, June 6, 2019, 6:00PM
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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Russ Austin, Chairman

Frank Reeder

Clayton R. Stalker