

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, April 15, 2021

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Chairman Clayton Stalker.
2. Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2021 & April, 2021. Motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests: None
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to approve a manifest of \$12,226.82 for the highway department and \$55,908.38 for all other bills for a total of \$68,135.20. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Backhoe: The current backhoe the highway department is using will be sold by bid when the new backhoe comes in.
  - B. Spofford Road property: After reviewing Zoning records, it was discovered that in 1984, based on zoning at the time, that the lot on R4-24 was not considered a building lot. Changes to the Zoning Ordinances in 1988 allowed existing lots as of the effective date of the change to be built on, as long as they were not less than ½ acre (in 1990 it was changed to 'not less than 1 acre'.
  - C. Town Common post update: The claim for damage to the posts has been settled and the town will receive compensation.
  - D. Recycling Center fees: Research was done to find out what other towns were charging for items at their recycling centers. Supervisor Ron Fish will recommend any changes in fees in our current fees to the Selectmen.
  - E. Partridge Brook Road update of possible dead trees on the roadside: Richard Cate asked the Selectmen for time to discuss the liability issue with his attorney and to allow time for trees to bud to determine their status. Selectmen agreed to his requests.
  - F. Town Hall Septic: Nine letters were sent to possible contractors and it was posted in the Sentinel.
  - G. The Post Office needs some tiles replaced on the bathroom floor and the back wall needs to be painted. Jo Ann will talk to Bruce Uhas about doing the work and also look into purchasing a dehumidifier for the Post Office.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

  - Payroll: 4/6/2021
  - PayrollTaxes: 4/8/2021, 4/19/2021
  - Highway clothing allowance: 4/6/2021
  - Invoice Cloud: 4/7/2021
  - Intent to Excavate: R17-28, R9-31
  - Forest Fire Report/Bill: March 3/29/2021 (Training), 4/10/2021 (Keene forest fire)
  - Excavation Tax Warrant: R5-12A, R17-28, R9-31, R1-20, R1-19
  - Timber Tax Warrant: R5-12A, R12-4, R8-3, R8-38, R1-7, R4-33
  - Junkyard Permit: R13-22

- A. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Russ Austin, per RSA 31:19, to accept donations for the Westmoreland Veteran’s Memorial Fund in the amount of \$918.60. Motion passed 3-0. A total of 112 bricks have been sold.
- B. Selectmen signed a thank you letter to Barry Shonbeck upon his resignation from the Zoning Board after serving since 1996. The Zoning Board will recommend one of their Alternates to move into the member position so that the Selectmen can do the appointment.
- C. Discretionary Preservation Easement: An application for a tax exemption on a historical barn was received. As a new application to the town, the assessor (M&N Assessing) was asked as to the procedure. He informed us that the town should have a policy relating to Discretionary Preservation Easements. He will work with the Selectmen to develop a policy.

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

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clayton Stalker, Chairman

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Russ Austin

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Frank Reeder

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00AM

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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES