

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, August 5, 2021

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chairman Clayton Stalker.
2. Public Hearing opened 1:01pm to accept and expend an appropriation from the US Government for Coronavirus State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds per RSA 31:95-b
3. Approval of Minutes: July 22, 2021. Motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to approve a manifest of \$301,653.28. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Guests:

State Representative, Paul Berch, was in attendance at the request of Selectmen, Russ Austin. Paul was asked to assist the town with permit request to DES regarding River Road North Bridge. Selectmen Austin stated concern of land owners abutting the bridge and the potential loss of farmland if water could not pass under due to the debris blocking passage. Town Road Agent, David Poklemba, was also in attendance, and he explained how the conditions for clean-out outlined by DES will not address the debris under the bridge filling nearly all six feet from bridge base to bridge and therefore will not prevent water from diverting into the fields. Poklemba also mentioned that the bridge was last cleaned out in 2003, and at that time a permit was issued with fewer limitations and requirements. Representative Berch asked who would pay for the work, and was told by Selectmen that it would be the town. Representative Berch will proceed to review communications from Joseph Schmidl, PG, CWS, DSDS Instream Flow Specialist, and then contact Schmidl on the town's behalf.

6. Old Business:
 - A. Tax Deeding: County Sheriff's Department delivered a deeding notice (sent by certified mail) that was not picked up by the property owner residing at 767 Route 63. Property owner paid required payment via certified by deadline. Property located Daggett Hill R16-3 was deeded on August 5, 2021 as no payment was made prior to deadline.
 - B. Business located 260 Poocham Road (Forestry Residential Zone) conducting riding lessons and boarding horses will need to get a special exception due to commercial boarding of horses per Town Ordinances Table 503
7. New Business:
 - A. Signature Approval was given for the following:
 - Payroll: 7/28/2021
 - Payroll Taxes: 7/28/2021
 - NH Retirement 7/29/2021
 - Health Trust 7/29/2021
 - Intent to Cut Timber: R6-11, 14, 15
 - Application for Reimbursement RSA 227-H – Hyland Hill

B. Selectman Stalker stated that he received a question asking when the town would be opening the swap shack at the recycling center from Kristen Bell who also volunteered to help manage it. Recycling Committee to meet September 20, 2021 and Selectmen agreed to pass information to committee.

- 8. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office.* None
- 9. No questions or comments were made during the public hearing. At 2:06 a motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Frank Reeder to close Public Hearing and to accept and expend an appropriation from the US Government for Coronavirus State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds per RSA 31:95-b.

- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clayton Stalker, Chairman

Russ Austin

Frank Reeder

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, August 26, 2021, 1:00AM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED -
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES