

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, July 16, 2020

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Chairman Frank Reeder.
2. Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2020 Motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:

Road Agent, Dave Poklemba: Dave reported that Spofford Road has been paved and the Common road will be paved in the fall. Not having enough in the paving budget to do another road, Dave would like to use the funds to purchase gravel to begin building up some of the dirt roads. Many of the dirt roads are showing ledge due to continual grading and not adding material. The Selectmen approved the transfer of remaining funds from the paving to gravel budget line.

Selectmen discussed with Dave the possibility of taking over the mowing of the cemeteries. The current contract for cemetery mowing is up after this year. Dave feels that the three current employees of the highway department can do the job of mowing the cemeteries along with their other summer work. He has begun to get prices on a mowers, trailer and necessary equipment. The purchase of equipment should pay for itself in two years. Dave will bring quotes to the Selectmen in the near future.
4. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Clayton Stalker to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 10:25am. Motion passed.
5. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Clayton Stalker to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 10:45am. Motion passed.
6. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to approve a manifest of \$4,396.10 for the highway department and \$28,865.26 for all other bills for a total of \$33,261.36. Motion passed 3-0.
7. Old Business:
  - A. Broadband update: The NH Bond Bank sale took place on July 14<sup>th</sup>, with the funds to be available by August 12<sup>th</sup>. At that time, Consolidated can begin work. The interest rate on the bond is 2.05%.
  - B. Town Hall septic system: Discussion ensued as to combining the town hall septic system with the future proposed fire station. Based on the location of the station, the septic would be at the far end of the new lot purchased by the town. The Fire Department Advisory Committee is recommending to put off the septic until after construction of the new station. Due to the condition of the current town hall septic system, the Selectmen do not want to wait what could be up to two years. They will talk to the Owner's Rep of the project to look at other options, possibly doing separate systems for each building.

8. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll: July 14, 2020

GJ Entry: #716 7/9/2020

EFTPS - Payroll taxes: 7/16/2020

Westmoreland PO – dog letters: 7/9/2020

- A. The Town Administrator has researched energy suppliers to obtain a better rate than Eversource offers.
- B. The Town of Chesterfield will be hiring a code enforcement officer and have asked Westmoreland if they might be interested in sharing the position. The Selectmen would like to learn more, including a job description showing what the person would be doing and how it would work.

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

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Frank Reeder, Chairman

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Clayton R. Stalker

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Russ Austin

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, August 6, 2020, 10:00AM

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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES