Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting Thursday, September 17, 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: September 3, 2020 Motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Clayton Stalker to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3. Guests: None
- 4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to approve a manifest of \$17,154.62 for the highway department and \$23,391.01 for all other bills for a total of \$40,545.63. Motion passed 3-0.
- 5. Old Business:
 - A. The Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee has requested approval from the Board of Selectmen to proceed in getting the required permits from the NH Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for the land behind the town hall. The DOT permit will address site distance on Route 63 and DES will address the wetlands. The Selectmen approved of getting the permits prior to presenting the project to the public.
 - B. Cemetery Mowing: Selectmen approved the purchase of a 42" riding mower and open trailer for use in the older cemeteries. Money is coming from the Highway budget.
 - C. A grant was submitted under the CARES Act for the extra expense of mailing and processing absentee ballots. Of the 224 absentee ballots issued, 197 votes were cast.300 absentee ballots have been requested so far for the General Election.
- 6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following: Payroll: September 8, 2020 Payroll Taxes: September 11, 2020 Amazon: Election labels – 9/3/20, Envelopes – 9/9/2020 Intent to Cut: R5-20

- A. A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Frank Reeder, per RSA 31:19, to accept donations for the Westmoreland Veteran's Memorial Fund in the amount of \$1,225.00. Motion passed 3-0. 37 bricks for the walkway have been sold to date. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Clayton Stalker, per RSA 31:95-b, to accept and expend unanticipated money from a NH Preservation Alliance Grant of \$4,500 to conduct a Condition Assessment with Preservation Guidelines for the Westmoreland Town Hall. Motion passed 3-0.
- C. The Selectmen approved a 2-year extension of a zoning permit to build a house on property owned by Ted Ferguson on Hurricane Road (R14-58).
- D. A complaint was received from Joyce Cate regarding speeding on Partridge Brook Road. Her recourse is to call the State Police.

- 7. Correspondence: All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office. A letter was received from NH Department of Environmental Services regarding the current drought in the State, encouraging towns to implement restrictions as necessary. The Selectmen feel that restrictions are not currently needed.
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank Reeder, Chairman

Clayton R. Stalker

Russ Austin

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, October 1, 2020, 10:00AM

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