

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2019

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Russ Austin.
2. Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2019. Motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:
John Snowdon, Broadband Advisory Committee: To meet requirements for the proposed bond to be voted on at the March town meeting, the Selectmen will hold a hearing on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 5:45pm to discuss the public vs private benefit findings to improve broadband service in town.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to approve a manifest of \$22,768.16 for the highway department and \$8,726.02 for all other bills for a total of \$31,494.18. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
 - A. The next meeting of the Fire Station team will be held January 9th at 3:00pm in the town hall.
 - B. Broadband: The Selectmen signed an Engagement Letter from the bond attorney. A letter was included from Consolidated Communications that they would be responsible for the payment of the attorney.
 - C. The three-year contract for annual auditors MelansonHeath expired with the completion of the 2018 audit. They were asked to present a proposal for a new contract.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:
Payroll: 12/17/2019
EFTPS: Payroll taxes: 12/19/2019
General Journal Entries: #693, #694
Brigham Industries: 12/9/2019
Harland Clarke – Deposit Receipts: 12/16/2019

 - A. The State Department of Transportation will be resurfacing Route 12 from Keene to just before the South Village Road intersection in 2020. Selectmen signed an approval for the State to control traffic within the construction work zone in Westmoreland.
 - B. There are five pine trees that should be taken down behind the town library. The Town Administrator has talked to Chris Ricci about doing the work as he will be logging on the abutting property.
7. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office.*
A thank-you letter was received from CVTC, CASA and Monadnock Family Services for the 2019 appropriation given to them by the town.

8. Selectmen worked on the 2020 Budget
 - A. The Selectmen approved a request from the Cemetery Trustees to escrow the remainder of their budget (\$377) into 2020 for further stone repair.
 - B. The Selectmen will meet with the Road Agent on Tuesday, December 31st to review his budget.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Russ Austin, Chairman

Frank Reeder

Clayton R. Stalker

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, January 2, 2020, 6:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED -
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES