

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Austin, Frank Reeder, John Snowdon

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Russ Austin
2. Approval of Minutes: June 23, June 27 & June 28. Motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by Russ Austin to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0
3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by Russ Austin to Approve Manifests: \$244,713.95 Motion passed 3-0.

4. Guests:

JB Mack - South West Regional Planning Commission

- Every 2 years SWRPC requests feedback from local officials for the State of NH 10-year Transportation Improvement Program (Ten Year Plan).
- Transportation Commission decides what to support
- NHDOT has \$50,000,000 set aside for top ranked projects
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal also devotes resources to roads and bridges
- River Road Bridge built in the 1930s is a Red Listed bridge rated poor in all areas.
- Previously the Ten Year Plan required Town to pay all money upfront and wait years to recover 80%. Plan is now fully funded with no cost to the Town.
- If not accepted as a Ten Year Plan project SWRPC will assist with finding other funding to replace the bridge.
- County wants the bridge to be replaced and their support could help the Town receive funding
- Application due July 29, 2022. All selectmen in favor of applying.

Mary Ellen Player and Jeff McIver - Consolidated Communications

- Launch of Fidium Fiber (still Consolidated) eliminating promotional pricing. 1st time users will receive promo for 1 year then fixed pricing.
- John Snowdon addressed customer service issues and lack of price consistency for town residents. Residents were promised improved customer service, and are confused and upset that ½ the town continues to get a promotional deal and other ½ is not. Westmoreland was one of the 1st towns to work with Consolidated to bring fiber into the Town and residents should not be treated this way. Residents are happy with the product but not the service. Snowdon suggested all residents receive a 1st year deal and be properly notified of cost following 1st year. Snowdon commends Jeff McIver for being a great resource, but is frustrated with the Head of Customer Service not returning calls or making an effort to address the Town's customer service issues.
- Player apologized for Westmoreland being caught in the middle of "billing code haywire". Agents were wrong to renew 1st year promo. Player to seek customer service resolution.
- Scott Talbot asked that recordings of the conversations he has had with customer service be reviewed to better understand the inconsistencies.
- Town presented Completion Certificate

5. Old Business:

- A. Hazard Mitigation Plan - Motion was made by Russ Austin, seconded by John Snowdon to adopt an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion passed 3-0
- B. New Fire Station - After a brief discussion selectmen agreed there were no changes to be made. Motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by John Snowdon to have Steve Horton proceed with RFP to hire Construction Manager Services for the Town's new Fire Station. Motion passed 3-0
- C. Adler payments - Town received a check from the State of NH for \$33,790 towards the \$56,650.81 additional restitution ordered by the court ordered to be paid.

6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll: 06/28/2022	Retirement \$2509.01
Payroll Taxes: 06/28/2022	Health Trust \$645.38
General Journal Entries:	Go Daddy \$1932.12
806 DRA Approval Replace Truck	CoreLogic (tax overpayment) \$7260.00
Westmoreland Post Office \$67.98	Steve Bonnette, PC (tax overpayment) \$2005.60
Invoice Cloud \$24.80	Intent to Cut Timber (3)

- A. Town email hacked last week. Contacts and emails lost. Insurance claim and police report filed. Town is in the process of changing to a 2 factor security email. New address admin@westmorelandnh.com. Appears the email web host was compromised and no other security threats have been found in the computer. Reeder - Looked into .gov email which takes time and may increase the price of the email host. There is no additional security in a .gov email and although at some point there may be more legal protection none is offered at this time. The .gov is more official and may provide a sense of security to those who receive it. Would need to determine additional cost before pursuing further.
- B. Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Frank Reeder to accept Post Insurance Tax Compliance Policies & Procedures and name Treasurer, Clayton Stalker, as coordinator. Motion passed 3-0 Policy attached.
- C. Planning and Zoning Board Fees - Fees currently don't cover costs of hearing expenses. Both boards will compare fees with other towns and determine what fees need to be. New legislation requires land use board fees to be posted by August 23rd. Fees for each board need to be held in separate accounts.
- D. Planning Board Changes - Jim Starkey resigned as a member. Position to be filled by current alternate, Liana Capra. Nancy Zeller resigned as an alternate. Kristen Riley, Planning Board Clerk, to become an alternate.
- E. Zoning Board looking for more members. Anyone interested should email town: admin@westmorelandnh.com
- F. Build American-Buy American USDA grant potential for new Fire Station - Infrastructure support. Snowdon - reached Senator Shaheen's office. USDA to let us know if Westmoreland could get a grant. This bill requires federal infrastructure programs to provide

for the use of materials produced in the United States. Frank Reeder - Westmoreland has been considered too wealthy a town with other USDA grants

- G. Motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by Russ Austin to accept donations from the brick fundraiser totaling \$2,124.25 Motion passed 3-0.
- H. Fire Station Donations - Harry Nelson - Chesterfield Fire and Rescue Commission donated a water and oil separator to the Westmoreland for the new Fire Station. The separator has never been used. Zane White owner of Whites Groundskeeping in Westmoreland, will sell gravel at a discounted rate if needed.
- I. Dick Cate - Partridge Brook Road traffic exponentially increased since the bridge closed to trucks. Route 12 access to County Facility historically by way of River Road bridge. Partridge Brook Road floods making only access to Maplewood through Chesterfield - Reeder - Board intends to pursue funding discussed.

8. Correspondence - Letter from Jim Starkey resigning as Planning Board Member

9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrative Assistant

NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY JULY 21, 2022 6:00pm
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Russ Austin, Chairman

Frank Reeder

John Snowdon

RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OF THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

July 7, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Westmoreland, New Hampshire (the "Town") from time to time, on a tax-exempt basis, issues (i) bonds and bond anticipation notes to finance capital projects, (ii) tax anticipation notes to pay the Town's maintenance and operation expenses and (iii) municipal leases to finance the lease-purchase of certain equipment, all pursuant to the provisions of New Hampshire RSA Chapter 33, as amended;

WHEREAS, the federal income tax laws included in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), require that issuers of tax-exempt debt comply with certain post-issuance requirements set forth in the Code;

WHEREAS, for purposes of maximizing the likelihood that the Town complies with such requirements of the Code, the Board of Selectmen of the Town (the "Board") desires to adopt the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policies and Procedures, attached hereto as Exhibit A;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

VOTED: That the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policies and Procedures, attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby approved.

VOTED: That the Board hereby names the Treasurer as the "Coordinator" under the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policies and Procedures and that the Treasurer has accepted such nomination.

VOTED: That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption.






