

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2020

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Frank Reeder. Chairman Austin entered the meeting at 6:06pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2020 & February 27, 2020. Motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Frank Reeder to approve a manifest of \$11,252.79 for the highway department and \$227,521.95 for all other bills for a total of \$238,774.74. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guests:

Moderator Robert Moore was present to review the Town Warrant articles prior to the town meeting.

The Broadband Advisory Committee was present regarding the bond article to install fiber networking in town. Bob feels that there will not be an issue with the Broadband article. That there has been several meetings and a flyer sent to each household so people should already know a lot about it. It will be a ballot vote, which means people have an hour to vote and the vote needs to be 2/3 to pass. John Snowdon stated that Consolidated Communication representatives will be at the meeting to answer any questions. They will need permission from the Moderator to speak.

There are two petitioned articles: Ron Fish will speak on Article 11 and Bill Chase will speak on Article 15.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Fire Station: The Advisory Committee has not reported anything new to the Selectmen.
 - B. The town attorney will be preparing a Complaint with respect to unrecovered funds as a result of the work of the past tax collector, including the cost of the forensic audit that was done upon recommendation of the audit done when Mrs. Adler left the position (per RSA). Funds of \$33,173.16 (less \$2,000 deductible) identified by the 2016 forensic audit have been reimbursed by the bonding insurance companies.
 - C. Bids for installing siding on a portion of the highway garage will be opened at the April 2nd meeting.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

 - Payroll: 2/22/2020, 2/29/2020 (2)
 - EFTPS - Payroll taxes: 2/27/2020, 2/28/2020, 3/3/2020
 - Amazon: 2/25/2020, 3/3/2020
 - Healthtrust: 2/28/2020
 - NH Retirement: 2/24/2020
 - GoDaddy(website security): 2/21/2020
 - General Journal Entries: #700 Timber Tax Warrant
 - Pistol permits: 2
 - Junkyard permit
 - Elderly Exemption: 2

- A. A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Frank Reeder to accept cemetery funds in the amount of \$400. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Frank Reeder to sign the Post Office lease for a term of five years beginning September 1, 2021. Motion passed 3-0. Annual rent paid to the town will be \$7,500. A one-time \$1,500 broker fee is paid at the signing of the contract.
- C. Mr. Stalker stated that he had received a call from Nancy Zeller asking what the town plan was in regard to the corona virus. He informed her that it was being handled at the Federal and State level and had not trickled down presently to the local level.

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

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Russ Austin, Chairman

Frank Reeder

Clayton R. Stalker

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, March 19, 2020, 6:00PM
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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES