

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, May 6, 2021

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Chairman Clayton Stalker.
2. Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2021. Motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests: None
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to approve a manifest of \$3,563.80 for the highway department and \$387,044.16 for all other bills for a total of \$390,607.96. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Recycling Center Committee: The purpose and structure of this new Standing Committee were approved. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact the Selectmen's office. Info will be put on the website and sent to Facebook page (Bridges).
  - B. Recycling Fees: This item was tabled and will be taken up by the new Committee established above.
  - C. Zoom Account: The account will be suspended due to meetings occurring in the Town Hall once again.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

  - Payroll: 4/20/2021, 4/30/2021, 5/5/2021
  - Payroll Taxes: 4/22/2021, 4/30/2021, 5/5/2021
  - Bank Statements (3): April
  - Healthtrust: 4/23/2021
  - NH Retirement: 4/26/2021
  - Invoice Cloud: 5/4/2021
  - Intent to Cut: R4-2, R8-5&7, R4-33
  - Timber Tax Warrant: R19-9&10, R7-13
  - Zoom Account: 4/21/2021
  - Amazon (PO light, office supplies): 4/26/2021
  - Post Office: Planning Board notices – 5/3/2021
  - A. Planning Board: The Planning Board requested that the Selectmen look into two possible businesses in town without permits.
    - a. Riding camp at 260 Poocham Road: Per Ordinance Section 104, the definition of Agricultural & Forestry Use, which is a permitted use in the Poocham Road district, a riding stable is allowed. No permit is required.
    - b. Bakery at 66 South Village Road: Per Ordinance Table #506, a Home Business as defined in Section 104 is allowed by a Special Exception from the Zoning Board. A letter will be sent to the property owner.

- B. The Wantastiquet Subcommittee is looking for Westmoreland residents to serve on their committee. They deal with issues regarding the Connecticut River, eg: erosion, dams, etc. Anyone interested should call the Selectmen’s office.
- C. Veteran search for Town Common monument: To get names of veterans who served while living in Westmoreland, the Town Administrator and Town Clerk will be going to Concord to do research.
- D. Highway help: The Town has not received any applicants for the empty position on the Highway Department. Discussion took place of the possibility of subcontracting for the winter months. This will be looked into further if necessary.
- E. Chair of the Fire Department, Tom Finnegan, will be asked to attend the next meeting to give the Selectmen a status report. The Committee has met a few times following the town meeting vote.
- F. The Selectmen discussed and decided on the issue of wearing masks. Employees at the recycling center will continue to wear masks and masks are required by all in the Town Hall. This issue will be addressed at each meeting depending on the current status of Covid-19.

- 7. A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Russ Austin to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 11:20am. Motion passed 3-0.
- 8. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Clayton Stalker, to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 11:35am. Motion passed 3-0.
- 9. Wes Staples entered the meeting. He is concerned about the River Road North Bridge due to silt and debris that has built up under the bridge. A heavy rain could cause the banks to overflow and flood adjoining fields as it happened in 2018. At that time, an Emergency Wetlands Permit was obtained from DES and the Highway Department cleaned out under the bridge. A call will be made to DES to get a permit to do this again. Wes has talked to a soil conservationist at Natural Resource Conservation Services who has said that work has been done upstream recently that should stop this from happening as much.
- 10. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen’s office.* None
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clayton Stalker, Chairman

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Russ Austin

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Frank Reeder

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, May 20, 2021, 10:00AM

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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES