

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Reeder, John Snowdon and Bill McGahie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Frank Reeder to discuss the proposed pay as you throw warrant article.
2. Guest
Recycling Committee - Rachel Bartlett and Jean Prior
 - Reeder - Selectboard was not updated with cost per bag, where bags are to be sold, and projected effect on budget purchasing bags versus stickers will have.
 - Committee recommending 3 sizes of bags which Selectboard does not support due to storage and lack of places to sell the bags. Other Towns such as Walpole have one size.
 - Snowdon - Supports pay as you throw as it is the best way to both save money and encourage recycling, but not enough has been done to educate the residents for this change to happen at this time.
 - Prior - Paying more for commingle than trash. Could work to separate glass and truck to Keene. Reeder - Need to find out approximately how much glass is being sorted from Westmoreland and get an accurate estimate of savings. Logistics of another bin would also need to be worked out.
 - Bartlett - Could put Trucking out to bid. Reeder - Have before but had no response. Can try again, but there are limited companies that truck for municipalities in this area.
 - Prior - Composting is also a topic for the future. Elm city would work with the Town and take bins each day center is open. Reeder - Would need to see how cost would affect the budget.
 - McGahie - Recycling better is not what the pay by the throw article is about, and it doesn't seem we are ready to ask the Town to vote on this.
 - The Selectboard and committee agreed that it would be better to finish research and use this summer and early fall to educate residents. Have a warrant article in place next year with information and support in place.
3. Motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by John Snowdon to strike Warrant Article 12 regarding pay as you throw at the recycling center. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Snowdon - Will be attending grant webinar for potential bridge grant funding February 5th to see if it applies to Westmoreland.
5. February 6th meeting rescheduled for January 30th at 1pm
6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 1:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank Reeder, Chairman

John Snowdon

William McGahie