

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday March 5, 2024

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Frank Reeder.
2. Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2024. Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$218,637 Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guest
Ian Ingram - Petition for approval to upgrade section of Old County Road from Class VI to Class V to allow road frontage for a building lot.
Selectmen agreed that sections of the road have been upgraded for the same purpose. The road would need to be upgraded from where it ends as Class V to 500' beyond the line of R10-5 using current road standards to integrate with the existing road.
The process to upgrade the road according to state statute requires 30 noticing and a hearing. Prior to noticing a title search is to be done RSA 231:10. Petitioner is responsible for the cost of title search and notices.
Ingram - Request permission to cut trees on the Class VI section prior to hearing. Selectmen unanimously agreed to allow tree removal.
5. Old Business
 - A. Relicensing of dams - Perry Sawyer - Licensing in federal hands at this point. If the Town has any issues with the licensing it would need to go through the selectmen. Snowdon - What have they done to improve erosion? Sawyer - They have done tremendous work to reduce erosion including opening in percentages. Generational license -40 years.
 - B. Recycling - Rachel Bartlett - Pay as you throw is on hold until next year. The Recycling Committee would like to start by placing a separate glass container which could potentially save the town \$150-160. Reeder - Before selectmen could vote to install a separate container there would need to be a contract and a clear understanding of standard ie cleanliness, color, lids on jars. Would also need to educate residents. Bartlett - Looking for volunteers to help. Sawyer - Would need to make sure volunteers are covered by insurance.
 - C. Chassis - Harry Nelson - Have the new rescue truck chassis. Working with a company to rebuild the truck body. Once we have the components we will put out to bid, but there are not many places that do the work.
 - D. Fire Station updates - Nelson -The Fire Association voted to carpet the training room at the fire station and purchase a refrigerator for the room. Tom Finnegan and Scott Talbot applied for and received a \$17,000 grant for the tower.
 - E. Security Cameras - Reeder - 5 quotes with all different cameras, amount of cameras and recording systems. Need to determine what is actually needed and have quotes that are more comparable. Snowdon - some types of cameras are not recommended as they are easily hacked.

Selectmen agreed John Snowdon to work with Harry Nelson to write an RFP for the security system and have companies bid for better comparison.

6. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll 3/2/2024	HealthTrust \$5809.27	Eversource \$890.61
Payroll Taxes 3/2/2024	Retirement \$3539.75	Amazon \$109.89
Abatement	Invoice Cloud \$20.40	

- A. Warrant Articles - Selectmen agreed to have the board chair summarize warrant articles at Town Meeting.
- B. Audit - Reeder - State does not require the town to have a professional audit. Town voted to do so. Standards being used are much more burdensome and the Town is not required to follow everything that is recommended as some do not apply. There have been no findings of any financial issues of any kind and any policy changes that are recommended can be discussed when the final 2023 audit report is released.
- C. Investment Policy - Auditors pointed out that the investment policy should be adopted annually. Selectmen to review and readopt next meeting if no changes needed

7. Upcoming Dates

March 6, 2024 Ladies Aid- 12pm Luncheon & Budget Discussion
March 6, 2024 Alert System Training 6-8pm -Fire Station
March 12, 2024 Elections 11am-8pm-Town Hall
March 13, 2024 Town Meeting 7pm- School
March 15, 2024 School Meeting 7pm - School
April 2, 2024 Primex-Cybersecurity 10-12 – Town Hall

8. The meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 19, 2024 6:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank Reeder, Chairman

William McGahie

John Snowdon