

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday November 1, 2018

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Stalker.
2. Approval of Minutes: October 24, 2018 and October 26, 2018. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:
 - A. Chip Huckins, Partridge Brook Road: Mr. Huckins sent a letter to the Selectmen and was present to discuss the issue of a neighbor (Richard Cate) blowing leaves into the road (Partridge Brook Road) and then being in the road to pick up the leaves. He cited RSA 265:102 which states that debris shall not be put or placed, in or upon any road. He added that because of a blind corner at the location and the excess speed that many vehicles are doing, it causes an unsafe situation for all involved. The Selectmen will send a letter.
 - B. Mark Terry and Nancy Ranson of the Communications Advisory Committee: The Committee had presented a report of their findings to the Selectmen. The Selectmen agreed that the important issue is making people in town aware of where to find town-related information. Discussion ensued regarding having a more professional website, sending information by email to residents, newsletters, official facebook page, etc. Another suggestion from the committee was to have the chairs of all town committees meet quarterly and generate a report that could be emailed. The committee will look further at who would be doing this work and if a part time person might be hired to accomplish their goals.
 - C. Tom Finnegan, chair of the Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee: Tom was present to update the Selectmen on the site feasibility study being done on the land behind the town hall for a possible future fire station site. Plans developed by SVE Associates show that a building could be built in the area behind the current station site but due to the wetlands on the site, there will not be as much parking area as was originally thought. The committee will begin looking at building plans.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to approve a manifest of \$4,392.92 for the Highway Department and \$222,524.76 for all other bills for a total of \$226,917.68 Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:

The Selectmen signed a letter to the Commander at Troop C (State Police) in Keene bringing to their attention the excess speeding and possible commercial vehicle violations that have been reported by residents in town.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:
Payroll Manifests: October 31, 2018
Bank Statements: October 2018
Payroll Tax Payments: October 31, 2018

7. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office.* None
8. Public Business: None
9. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Frank Reeder to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 7:37pm. Motion passed.
10. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by Russ Austin to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 8:00pm. Motion passed.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clayton R. Stalker, Chairman

Russ Austin

Frank Reeder

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, November 15, 2018, 6:00PM
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SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES