

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: June Hammond, Russ Austin, Jack Zeller

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman June Hammond.
2. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2016. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guest: Clay Stalker and Ernie Perham introduced themselves, stating that they were running for the upcoming Selectman position.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by June Hammond to approve manifests of \$16,334.18 for the Highway Department and \$195,012.55 for all other bills for a total of \$211,346.73. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Cheshire County request for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots: Nothing new to report
 - B. Town Hall Survey: Nothing new to report.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:
Property Tax Abatement
Intent to Cut: R8-5 & 7

 - A. Planning Board: A motion was made by Jack Zeller, second by June Hammond to approve minor clarification changes to the sub-division regulations. Motion passed 3-0. None of the changes affect the meaning of the regulations.
 - B. Recycling Center: Ron Fish reported someone was leaving rubbish on top of the compactor when the facility was closed. A letter will be sent based on identification found in the rubbish bag(s).
 - C. Cheshire County update: June distributed statistical reports.
 - D. Jack reported that the VIN numbers of the cars located on town property on Popruk Road are being run to find ownership of the vehicles.
 - E. Bill Chase will be stepping down as Emergency Management Director in June 2016. He will update the Hazard Mitigation Plan and hold a training session prior to leaving the position.
 - F. Russ reported that the list of town candidates has a vacancy for a one-year term for a Trustee of Trust Funds, but Bill Campbell was appointed in April 2015 to fill that term until 2017.
 - G. Russ will speak on the town budget at the Ladies Aid meeting on March 2. This is an annual event where a representative from the town and school are invited to discuss the upcoming budgets.
 - H. Petitioned Warrant Article: to use the upstairs of the Town Hall for a museum by the Park Hill Meeting House and Westmoreland Historical Society. After some discussion including costs and use of the building, the Selectmen do not recommend the Article. Clay Stalker, who was present at the meeting, stated that the Selectmen should let townspeople know their opinion.

7. Correspondence: Bill Fosher sent an e-mail regarding work being done by Jesse Ross on the Class VI portion of Old County Road. Jack will visit the site and report at the next meeting.
8. Town Warrant:
 - A. Article 4 – the Budget Committee does not recommend and the Selectmen recommend the purchase of a new highway truck for a cost of \$185,000. The Article involves borrowing \$120,000. Per RSA 32:18-a, if the bond request is not recommended by the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen can vote to place the bond request on the warrant. A motion was made by Jack Zeller, second by Russ Austin that the Article to approve the bond request be put on the Warrant. Motion passed 3-0.
 - B. Selectmen read and approved of the Selectmen’s report for the Town Report.
9. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 6:45pm. Motion passed 3-0.
10. A motion was made by Jack Zeller, second by Russ Austin to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 6:53pm. Motion passed 3-0.
10. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by June Hammond to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June Hammond, Chairman

Russ Austin

Jack Zeller

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, February 18, 2016 6:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES