

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, January 21, 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 7, 2016. A motion was made by June Hammond, second by Russ Austin to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. 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 \$37,427.88 for all other bills for a total of \$53,762.06. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Old Business:
  - A. Cheshire County request for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots: a letter was sent to the Attorney Rab requesting additional information needed, including deeds and maps.
  - B. Town Hall Survey: nothing new to report
  - C. Selectmen discussed a 2014 property tax abatement for Ann Franklin, R4-21.
5. New Business:
  - A. Health Officer: the Health Officer is appointed by the State with a term ending on April 12, 2016.
  - B. Cheshire County update: no report
6. Guest: Scott Talbot representing Fire Department appointed building committee. Scott reported that he had spoken to two architects that recommend that the first step to moving forward with a new station is to have a feasibility study done. The study would look at the kind of building needed, area needed for trucks, office space, possible water issues, etc. The cost of the study would be approximately \$6,000. Selectman Zeller stated that the study should also look at fixing the current station so that a comparison can be done.
7. Town Warrant:
  - A. Selectmen discussed the loan term for the possible purchase of a new highway truck that will be on the warrant. Rates and term will be addressed at the time of the loan. A public hearing will be held per State of NH requirements on February 18 due to the borrowing of funds over \$100,000.
  - B. Items to include in the Selectmen's Report were discussed and will include the two new bridges.

C. Jack proposed a warrant article authorizing the Selectmen to spend up to \$8,000 to have a feasibility study done to look at the needs and future plans of the fire department's physical plant (station). The selectmen agreed to put this on the warrant and Jack will discuss it with the Budget Committee.

8. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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June Hammond, Chairman

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Russ Austin

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Jack Zeller

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, February 4, 2016 6:00PM  
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES