

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 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. Ernest Perham introduced himself as running for Selectman in the upcoming election.
3. Chairman Hammond opened the Public Hearing to authorize the proposed issuance of bond or notes in excess of \$100,000 per RSA 33:8-a. Mr. Perham asked if the new truck could use the old plows. Jack informed him that the front plow was a 1994 and needed replacing.
4. Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2016. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to approve manifests of \$4,502.45 for the Highway Department and \$8,139.48 for all other bills for a total of \$12,641.93. Motion passed 3-0.
6. Old Business:
 - A. Cheshire County request for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots: Nothing new to report
 - B. Town Hall Survey: it was being worked on today.
 - C. Old County Road: follow-up to possible work on a Class VI road. Jack looked at the site and will talk to Bill Fosher regarding Bill's concerns. Jesse Ross has cabled off the turn-around that the town was using for plowing purposes. Selectmen will review the requirements that were approved.
 - D. Jack reported that the VIN numbers of the cars located on town property on Popruk Road to find ownership of the vehicles have not been done yet.
7. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:
Timber Tax Warrant: R6-10

 - A. Alison Fissette would like to resign as the clerk of the Planning Board. She will stay on until a replacement is found.
 - B. SWRPC Culvert Assessment Project: with funding from the NHDOT and Federal Highway Administration, SWRPC is proposing an assessment of the town's road culverts that would include a database, maps and photographs. The Road Agent supports this project. Henry Underwood from SWRPC will attend the next meeting on March 3rd to explain the proposal.
 - C. Solid Waste Facility Managers workshop: Ron Fish has asked about attending the workshop in his role as supervisor of the Recycling Center. The workshop will focus on permitting, reporting and recordkeeping that solid waste managers typically handle. As Ron does not handle these items, the Selectmen do not feel that the cost to attend is warranted.
 - D. Cheshire County update: June distributed statistical reports. Bill Fosher, along with the Conservation Commission, is concerned about the upkeep of the soil conditions and erosion on the land that is leased for farming. The County Commissioners agreed that Mr. Fosher can keep an eye on what is being done and chemicals being used by whoever might be leasing the land. The Commissioners are working on plans for a subdivision of the Blood Farm so that it can be sold. There is going to be a police academy at the jail that will be funded by NH Police Standards and Training. The hope is that people in Cheshire County will attend and stay in the county for local employment.

8. Town Warrant & Report: The Town Report is at the printer's and will be ready early next week. The Report will not be mailed to every household this year. Books will be distributed to several pick-up locations. See web site www.westmorelandnh.com for pick-up sites. The Report will also be on the web site.
The Selectmen will review the Warrant Articles at the next meeting for the Annual Meeting held on March 9th.
9. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to close the Public Hearing to authorize the proposed issuance of bond or notes in excess of \$100,000 per RSA 33:8-a at 6:54pm
10. A motion was made by June Hammond, second by Russ Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June Hammond, Chairman

Russ Austin

Jack Zeller

<p>NEXT MEETING – Thursday, March 3, 2016 6:00PM MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>
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