

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, March 3, 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: February 18, 2016. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:
  - A. Elaine Moore asked the Selectmen for permission for the Westmoreland United Church to use the town common to hold an auction on June 11, 2016, including closing off South Village Common for the day. Permission was granted.
  - B. Henry Underwood, GIS Specialist, Southwest Region Planning Commission: Mr. Underwood informed the Selectmen about a Culvert Assessment Project that would consist of an inventory of drainage and stream crossings on public roads in Westmoreland. It would not include Class VI roads. The project would be funded by NH DOT and the Federal Highway Administration. There would be no cost to the town. The work would be done by SWRPC using protocol established by the NHDES, NHDOT and UNH Technology Transfer Center (UNH T2). Information gathered would include culvert sizes, material and condition of the pipes. Printed reports, a database, photos and maps would be generated. Jack Zeller asked what the benefit to the town would be. Mr. Underwood stated that it could be used as a decision-making tool to aid in the mitigation of roads during potential flooding. Russ Austin stated that he was concerned about who would have access to the data and what they will do with it. Mr. Underwood stated that the data would be available to the NH DES and DOT. Jack stated that he was skeptical about the project, adding that there may be the potential for the State to mandate repairs or replacements of culverts in the future (as they do with bridges). Mr. Underwood stated that he understands the Selectmen's concerns and would be glad to meet with the Road Agent and any other Boards. The Road Agent will contact Mr. Underwood to discuss the project and will inform the Selectmen of his thoughts about the benefits to the town.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Jack Zeller, second by Russ Austin to approve manifests of \$16,195.56 for the Highway Department and \$200,829.39 for all other bills for a total of \$217,024.95. 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: should be done soon.
  - C. Old County Road: follow-up to possible work on a Class VI road. Jack has not connected with Bill Fosher yet.
  - 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. Clean-up of the property has not begun yet.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:  
Veteran's Credit  
MS-535 – 2015 Financial Report

  - A. Fire Chief Harry Nelson, Ed Johnson and Jo Ann LaBarre attended a workshop for the Emergency Notification System (ENS) in Concord.

- B. Mary Bradley, of the Conservation Commission, has worked on combining each of the tax maps into one map. The Commission would like to know if the town would pay to have copies made. The Selectmen decided that the cost should be taken out of the Conservation Commission budget.
  - C. There is a leak in the balcony of the town hall. Selectmen will have someone look at it.
  - D. Cheshire County update: nothing to report
  - E. Jo Ann will be taking the remainder of her yearly vacation days in March prior to her April 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary date (7 days).
7. Correspondence: A thank you note was sent by Ann Franklin regarding a tax abatement she received.
  8. Town Meeting: Russ spoke to Westmoreland United Church Ladies Aid about the upcoming budget proposal. Selectmen are prepared for Town Meeting.
  9. A motion was made by June Hammond, second by Russ Austin to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

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, March 17, 2016 6:00PM  
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES