

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, September 1, 2016

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Russ Austin, Jack Zeller, Clayton Stalker

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Chairman Austin.
2. Guests/Public Business: None
3. Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2016. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Jack Zeller to approve a manifest of \$221,249.18. Motion passed 3-0. There was not a Highway Department manifest.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Feasibility Study for possible future use of town-owned property (780 Route 12): There is nothing new to report.
  - B. Planning Board Clerk: A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to appoint Elaine Moore as the clerk of the Planning Board with a pay of \$75 per month. Motion passed 3-0.
  - C. Selectmen will meet with Nancy Mayville from the NH Department of Transportation regarding the bridge aid process on Thursday, September 29 at 11am.
  - D. Russ Austin stated that he would not be able to attend the scheduled Selectmen's meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Following their policy that all three Selectmen should be at a meeting, the Board decided to reschedule the October 6 meeting to Thursday, September 29 at 11am to coincide with the meeting with Nancy Mayville.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:  
Timber Tax Warrant: R3-19, R3-5, R19-18, R19-19  
Intent to Cut Timber: R16-49, R1-18  
Land Use Change Tax: R4-2

  - A. MS-1 Extension: Selectmen signed an extension for submitting the MS-1 (Summary Inventory of 2016 Valuation) because the Department of Revenue utility values are not ready yet. The MS-1 was due September 1<sup>st</sup> and is used to set the new tax rate.
  - B. Diana Stetson of Johnnycake Road has requested that the intersection of Johnnycake and River Roads be fixed following the damage that was done by the recent rain storms. As this is a recurring situation, the Selectmen will ask the Road Agent if paving up Johnnycake Road for 20± feet would help.

- C. Steve Robbins & Maimie Odette of Poocham Road are questioning if there is a town ordinance for noise due to what they feel is excessive noise coming from the Wise Mine Corp property on R2-13. Zoning Ordinance Section 438.1 states that ‘no permanent use shall emit noise in excess of seventy (70) decibels’. The Selectmen do not believe that mining (of fluorite) is being done on a permanent basis, but will have the assessor do a site review.
  - D. Jan Carpenter is requesting that the South Village Common road be closed to traffic during the Town Hall birthday celebration on October 8<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 3-7pm. The Board of Selectmen approved the request.
  - E. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to sign an agreement with Primex to join the Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) which ensures that there will not be an increase greater than 9% (maximum) in the town’s property/liability insurance in each of the next three years. Motion passed 3-0.
7. Correspondence:
- A. David Fletcher of Poocham Road emailed pictures regarding road gravel going into his field. The road crew cleaned out a culvert and dug a sump to take the excess water during heavy rains.
  - B. An email was received from Linda Gurnee asking if the water at the Iron Kettle on Route 12 was tested. She was informed that it was not town property.
8. The Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Russ Austin, Chairman

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Jack Zeller

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Clayton R. Stalker

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 29, 2016 11:00AM  
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES