

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting  
Thursday, December 15, 2016

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Austin.
2. Approval of Minutes: December 1, 2016. A motion was made by Clayton Stalker, second by Jack Zeller to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests/Public Business: As a new resident, Tamara Keshecki was present to observe the meeting.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Jack Zeller, second by Clayton Stalker to approve a manifest of \$18,382.43 for the highway department and \$16,852.52 for all other bills for a total of \$35,234.95. Motion passed 3-0. There will be a last manifest at the end of December.
5. Old Business:

A 'needs assessment' study of the Fire Station is being done by Scully Architects. Any previous information gathered by the Fire Department should not be used in the Scully study. Scully Architects will be notified of this issue, as the Selectmen did not commission the Ingram 'study' that is mentioned in the proposal with Scully Architects. Upon conclusion of the study, the newly appointed Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee, comprised of local townspeople and fire department members, will review it and bring their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for a possible next step to take. Any substantial changes to the current facility will be voted by the town at an Annual Meeting.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:  
Timber Tax Warrant: R1-18A, R10-1  
Intent to Cut Timber: R4-42, R4-43, R7-27

  - A. Selectmen signed a three-year contract with the City of Keene for standby ambulance service. The rate for 2017 will be \$55,363 – a 7.3% increase from 2016.
  - B. Selectmen approved of having their meeting room floors sanded after the painting was finished while the office was empty of furniture, file cabinets, etc. There is money in the Government Buildings account to have the work done.
  - C. Beaver dams on both sides of the Spofford Road Bridge are in danger of compromising Spofford Road at the bridge location near the town line. While the property owners on the west side of the road do not want the beavers trapped on their property, those on the east side have agreed to have the beavers trapped and removed.

7. Correspondence: *All correspondence is available for review in the Selectmen's office.*
  - A. A thank you note from Southwestern Community Services for the annual appropriation.
  - B. A copy of an appeal to the Department of Environmental Services from Patricia Rodrigues and John Corduff pertaining to a permit issued to George Graves off Old Rte. 12 North.
8. Selectmen worked on the 2017 budget.
9. The Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.

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, January 5, 2016, 6:00PM  
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES