

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: June Hammond, Russ Austin & Jack Zeller

A non-public meeting was scheduled and duly posted by the Selectmen to be held at 5:30pm:

1. A motion was made by June Hammond, second by Russ Austin to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) at 5:35pm. Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by June Hammond, second by Jack Zeller to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 5:50pm. Motion passed.

Regular Scheduled Meeting:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman June Hammond.
2. Guests/Public Business:
 - A. Tim Graves, Jen Graves, Gretchen Fowler: Tim Graves presented a letter to the Selectmen in response to possible violations made by Patricia Rodrigues and John Corduff regarding the quarry owned by Graves Trucking, Inc. on Map R17-28. Mr. Graves stated that trucks have been traveling to the plant in Walpole using Old Route 12 North on Sundays for 26 years and that the quarry in Westmoreland was not operating on Sundays per the conditions of his permit. He further stated that notifications have been sent to Ms. Rodrigues and Mr. Corduff seven days in advance of blasting taking place. The notification states that blasting will occur a certain day or shortly thereafter and Mr. Graves submitted blasting dates that occurred seven days (per permit) or more after the postmarked date of the notification. It was pointed out to Mr. Graves that if the blasting occurred on the first date listed on the notification, the postmarked number of days would be six. He agreed to send notifications one day earlier to meet the permit condition. Gretchen stated that the accusations have caused the company both money and time. Tim Graves, Jen Graves and Gretchen Fowler left the meeting and Patricia Rodrigues entered the meeting.
 - B. Ms. Rodrigues wanted to know what the Graves said to the Selectmen. Jack Zeller stated that they discussed not operating on Sundays and the notifications as clarified by the Planning Board. He added that she had to see the Planning Board regarding possible State or Federal violations and he apologized for the confusion regarding what Board acted as enforcers of certain areas of the excavation permit. Mr. Zeller asked Ms. Rodrigues why she assumed the trucks were going to or coming from the quarry and she said that while she did not know that, the material being trucked out of Walpole originally came from the quarry and went to Walpole and was then sold. Mr. Zeller added that Westmoreland has no jurisdiction over the Walpole operation and they have an easement to use the part of the road that is not public. Chairman Hammond acknowledged that Ms. Rodrigues would have five more minutes to express her concerns. Ms. Rodrigues stated that she has received the qualitative results of the water test, but not the quantitative data. Mr. Graves will be asked to provide the required information. Ms. Rodrigues questioned if Graves Trucking had a waiver or variance regarding a driveway permit. Mr. Zeller told her she should go the Zoning Board for clarification of the driveway issue. She also questioned why pre-blast surveys were not done for each blast. Mr. Zeller answered that the pre-blast survey as stated in the permit conditions and clarified by the Zoning Board, is an initial survey of the foundation and walls of her house to refer to if changes over time occurred due to the blasting. Ms. Rodrigues questioned why the blasting notifications were based on the postmark date instead of the date received. Mr. Zeller explained that if the person receiving a notification was away and did not receive the notice until days or weeks after, the intent

and requirement of the notification was made so that the business could proceed with operations.

Chairman Hammond stated that discussion time was closed and Ms. Rodrigues left the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2015. 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 Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to approve a manifest of \$202,264.23 for all bills. There was no Highway manifest. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Makinen Road Bridge update: The road and bridge were opened for traffic as of today.
 - B. Russ Austin will take the old posts from the Post Office parking lot to the Recycling Center.
 - C. Personal property on Popruk/Hurricane Road: Jack met with Bernard Gaudreau at the property (R14-59) to look at the possibility of purchasing two old equipment sheds. Jack added that there are several old cars and a lot of other items of no value on the property. The Selectmen agreed that if Mr. Gaudreau was willing to clean out what was inside the barns, he could have them.
 - D. Marshall Patmos entered the meeting and told the Selectmen that after the heavy rain this past week, the brook in East Westmoreland came close to flooding. Marshall is the chairman of the Conservation Committee and at their meeting tonight they will discuss the possibility of contacting the State of NH to see if anything further can be done. Marshall said that there was an island in the brook and if that was taken out, it might help. The State has done some work on the brook, but is hesitant to do much more because it could impact property further downstream.
 - E. Town Hall sign: Jack has left a message with Bill Smith, who offered to put the new sign up, but has not heard back from him yet. Selectmen want to get it on the Town Hall as soon as possible.
6. New Business:

Signature Approval: Selectmen signed an Intent to Cut Timber for R12-70.

 - A. The Westmoreland postmaster has requested that some form of barrier be put up outside the building prior to winter to keep vehicles from parking too close to the building. Selectmen will look at options.
 - B. Cheshire County update: June distributed reports.
 - C. Art Geiss has asked the Selectmen if a 'No Exit' sign could be erected at Thompson Road to inform cars/trucks that the road does not go through.
7. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June Hammond, Chairman

Russ Austin

Jack Zeller

<p>NEXT MEETING – Thursday, October 15, 2015 6:00PM MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>
