

**TOWN OF WESTMORELAND  
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
WESTMORELAND, NH 03467**

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
April 6, 2006**

**Present:** David Putnam, Elaine Moore, & Wesley Staples

Chairman, David Putnam called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS:**

**BRUCE SMITH:** Mr. Smith was in to discuss his property with the Selectmen. Mr. Smith stated that they have closed the business and have taken down some of the buildings, and others are going to be sold at the auction they are having. Mr. Smith's concern is that they are getting taxed commercially and they are no longer using the property as such. The Selectmen are reviewing the property at this time.

**RUTH HATT:** Mrs. Hatt was in to discuss the Hatt Road Bridge. She asked when the Town thought the construction on the bridge would begin. David Putnam stated that we are in the process of getting an engineer down to look at the bridge to make plans of exactly what needs to be done. He also stated that construction would hopefully start by early summer.

**RAND BURNETT:** Mr. Burnett was in to request a list of addresses of all property owners in Westmoreland for use by the PTA. The Selectmen agreed to give a copy to Mr. Burnett for this purpose.

Mr. Burnett was also in to discuss his driveway on the Woodward Road in Westmoreland. Water comes down the road and washes out the end of his driveway. Mr. Burnett was wondering who is responsible for putting a culvert in. The Selectmen stated that they would send the Road Agent to look at the problem and make a decision from that point.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Wesley Staples moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$21,598.77. Seconded by David Putnam. All in favor, so voted.

**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:**

David Putnam moved to approve the March 16, 2006 Selectmen's Minutes as written. Seconded by Wesley Staples. All in favor, so voted.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**SEPTAGE AGREEMENT WITH KEENE:** The Selectmen's Office received a call from Ray Gordon from Concord stating that the Septage agreement has expired with Keene. He stated that it can no longer be a verbal agreement, it must be in writing. The Selectmen requested that the Secretary contact Ray Gordon to get a sample of what needs to be in writing. Once the Selectmen receive a sample they will contact Keene.

**GARDEN CLUB MEETING:** Angie from the Garden Club contacted the Selectmen's Office about the rental fee for the Hall. She asked if the Garden Club has to pay this fee for their meeting on April 17, 2006. Elaine Moore moved to waive the fee for this meeting. Wesley Staples Seconded. All in favor, so voted.

**REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED:** The MS-2 which is the Report of Appropriations Actually Voted was signed by the Selectmen.

**MEMORY RIDE 2006:** The Selectmen received a letter from Deb Bachrach requesting use of the Town Hall for the Memory Ride to benefit Alzheimer's Research as a pit stop. David Putnam moved to approve the use of the Hall for this purpose on July 15, 2006. Wesley Staples seconded. All in favor, so voted.

**APPLICATION FOR CURRENT USE:** William and Beth Franzen of 450 South Village Road, Map R13 Lot 24, filed an Application for Current Use. David Putnam moved to approve this application. Wesley Staples seconded. All in favor, so voted.

## **ABATEMENT LETTERS:**

**CURTIS MEAD:** A letter to Curtis Mead Map R13 Lot 31 denying the request for abatement was signed. Elaine Moore moved to approve signing the letter. David Putnam seconded. All in favor, so voted.

**JAMES A. POULETTE & SANDRA GULLA:** A letter to Mr. Poulette and Ms. Gulla Map R17 Lot 44 denying the request for abatement was signed. Elaine Moore moved to approve signing the letter. David Putnam seconded. All in favor, so voted.

**NORMAN AND MICHELLE KLEIN:** The Selectmen are reviewing this Abatement Application at this time.

**NANCY SHONBECK:** The Selectmen are reviewing this Abatement Application at this time.

**JEFFREY AND NINA ALDRICH:** The Selectmen are reviewing this Abatement Application at this time.

**ARELEN MIDGLEY:** The Selectmen are reviewing this Abatement Application at this time.

**NOTICE OF INTENTS TO EXCAVATE:**

David Putnam moved to approve signing the Notice of Intent to Excavate from Cersosimo Industries, Inc. Map R1 Lot 19. Wesley Staples seconded. All in favor, so voted.

Elaine Moore moved to approve signing the Notice of Intent to Excavate from Cold River Materials, A Division of The Lane Construction Corporation Map R 19 Lot 6. David Putnam seconded. All in favor, so voted.

**NOTICE IF INTENTS TO CUT WOOD OR TIMBER:**

Elaine Moore moved to approve signing the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber from H & H Investments, LLC Map R18 Lot 3. David Putnam seconded. All in favor, so voted.

Elaine Moore moved to approve signing the Supplemental Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber from Jesse Ross and Amy Jeffrey Map R10 Lot 5. Wesley Staples seconded. All in favor, so voted.

Elaine Moore moved to approve signing the Supplemental Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber from Jesse Ross and Amy Jeffrey Map R10 Lot 9. Wesley Staples seconded. All in favor, so voted.

Elaine Moore moved to approve signing the Supplemental Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber from Stanley and Susan Castor, Family Homestead Ind. Map R14 Lot 57. David Putnam seconded. All in favor, so voted.

**LETTER FROM CINDI ADLER:** The Selectmen received a letter from Cindi Adler stating that she has still not received the Land Use Change Tax Warrant for Andy Russell. The Selectmen signed a Warrant to correct this error.

**LAND USE CHANGE TAX:** The Selectmen signed a Land Use Change Tax for Edwin F. and Mary E. Sienkiewicz Map R8 Lot 11.

**MAP U 6 LOT 3:** The Selectmen received a letter from Craig Stavseth stating that he received a letter from the Selectmen in regards to a refund that was due to him. The Selectmen's Secretary will be sending a letter requesting a copy of this letter he received.

**FAX FROM AVITAR:** This fax is being reviewed by the Selectmen at this time.

**LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE:** The Selectmen received a letter from the Department of Revenue regarding the sales ratio for 2005. The Sales Ratio is 86.1%.

**LETTER FROM REAL DATA CORP:** The Selectmen received a letter from Real Data Corp offering the Annual Grantor Index of all real estate transactions. The Selectmen agreed to order this program for the year.

**LETTER FROM FEMA:** The Selectmen received a letter from FEMA regarding the floodplain maps. A letter will be sent to U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**“FIRST REFUSAL”:** The Selectmen are sending letters out to various property owners in town requesting “first refusal” for future land purchases.

**BIRD FLU:** The Board has been asked if there are any preparations being made in case of a Bird Flu epidemic in this area. At this time there have been no preparations made. The Board has taken this under advisement.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPLICATION FOR VETERANS CREDIT:** David Putnam moved to approve the Application for Veterans Credit for Peter Magraw. Wesley Staples seconded. All in favor, so voted.

**REFORMED BIBLE CHURCH:** David Putnam moved to approve abateing any and all taxes and interest for Map U 2 Lot 16, owned by Christian Reformed Church. Wesley Staples seconded. All in favor, so voted.

#### **WARRANTS:**

##### **TIMBER TAX WARRANTS:**

Wesley Staples moved to approve signing the Timber Tax Warrant for Family Homestead Ind. Map R 14 Lot 57. David Putnam seconded. All in favor, so voted.

David Putnam moved to approve signing the Timber Tax Warrant for James Starkey Map R 12 Lot 38. Wesley Staples seconded. All in favor, so voted.

##### **GRAVEL TAX WARRANT:**

Wesley Staples moved to approve signing the Gravel Tax Warrant for Cold River Materials Map R 19 Lot 6. David Putnam seconded. All in favor, so voted.

Elaine Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31PM. Seconded by David Putnam. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Trisha Moore, Secretary

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Elaine M. Moore, Chair

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Wesley I. Staples

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David R. Putnam

THESE MINUTES ARE UNAPPROVED. ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS WILL BE MADE AT THE NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 20, 2006.