

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday January 16, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Reeder, John Snowdon and Bill McGahie

1. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Frank Reeder.
2. Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2024. Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$10,119.20(2023) & \$22,233.03(2024) and Fire Station \$2,175.00 Motion passed 3-0.
4. Old Business
 - A. Speeding Route 63 - Multiple complaints about speeding through the village area. Reeder - State road and we can't put signs on the road. We have written letters and there has been very little response. Speeding is a problem everywhere and not enough state police. Residents are the primary people speeding. Recommend people call police to report issues. The more complaints the more likely action is to take place. Snowdon - Complete Street would do a study of the town to see what safety measures could be implemented in the future. We did not receive a grant for the study, but will apply again when available. Once study is done Town would be eligible for potential grant funding to help with projects.
 - B. Zoning Violation Policy - Motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by John Snowdon to amend the Zoning Violation Policy as follows First, contact to be a warning letter from selectboard alerting resident of violation with ordinance(s) specifying violation. Letter to include contact information for Zoning Administrator. 10 days to respond. Upon contact ZA will work with the property owner to resolve. Second, If there is no response or resolution, a second letter to be sent by selectboard certified with return receipt. Letter to inform the property owner under RSA 676:17, 1(b) the potential for a civil penalty begins to accrue after the day on which the violator receives written notice from the town that they are in violation. Penalty to be outlined according to Westmoreland Ordinances Section 7:02. 30 days to comply. If the property owner fails to comply, legal action will be pursued. Motion passed 3-0. Letters sent to be forwarded to Zoning Administrator as well as Planning/Zoning Board chair and clerk as applies.
5. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following:

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| Staples \$249.93 | Home Depot \$1299.00 |
| Eversource \$657.94 | |
6. Pond on Owls Hill - Town owned pond. Silt and debris is draining into the pond. No silt fence was put up when properties were logged. To consult the Town Attorney for possible recourse and action to be taken.
7. Security Cameras - After vandalism occurred at the new fire station Chief Nelson and Selectmen have decided to research the cost of basic security cameras for both the fire station and town hall.

8. 2022 Audit letter received this week with annual findings. To be discussed at a future meeting.

9. Upcoming Dates

January 23, 2024 Primary 8-7 at Town Hall

February 2, 2024 Budget Committee Hearing 7pm Town Hall

February 9, 2024 School Budget Hearing 7pm Town Hall

10. Correspondence:

FEMA - Letter with determination of \$21,869.94 - July storm damages

LCHIP Grant Management Seminar January 24th at 1pm

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Scanlan

Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2024 1:00PM

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SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank Reeder, Chairman

John Snowdon

William McGahie