

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Snowdon and Bill McGahie and Mark Terry

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by John Snowdon
2. Reviewed and finalized Selectmen's proposed 2026 budget. To be forwarded to the Budget Committee who meets December 17th at 6:30pm
3. Discussed temporary help for the highway department. Harry Nelson has agreed to fill in temporarily until a full time employee is hired. Plans for emergency coverage for Chief Nelson are in place. Also considering a second part time temporary employee until the full time position is filled. Wages for the highway department adjusted in next year's budget to be inline with surrounding towns.
4. Budget Committee Chair, Susan Finnegan attended to discuss Budget Committee research findings. Bill McGahie excused
 - Confirmed Budget Committee is an official committee not an advisory committee
 - March 13, 1951 Article 21. "The town voted to adopt the Municipal Budget Act with a committee of three. John Terry Jr., Curtis Bemis, Lawry Churchill were nominated from the floor and elected by the moderator casting one ballot for them."
 - In 1993 when the Municipal Budget Law came into effect RSA 32 it was not necessary for the town to vote on it because the committee was already established according to the NHDRA.
 - The budget process has been legally done throughout as confirmed with an NHMA lawyer. Town Administrator gathers information from committee, board and commission chairs, gathers contract numbers and all other numbers for the Selectmen who then meet with necessary departments. Selectmen propose a draft budget for the Budget Committee who then reviews and presents to the town including any changes they have made at a hearing in February. The Town then votes in March on the Budget Committees budget.
 - The Budget Committee has three members as well as an ex-officiary member representing the SelectBoard and the School Board.
5. 12:55pm motion made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to adjourn Motion passed 2-0

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 1:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Snowdon, Chairman

Mark Terry

William McGahie