

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by John Snowdon. .
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - September 2, 2025 Motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by Bill McGahie to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Accounts Payable:
 - Motion was made by Bill McGahie, seconded by Mark Terry to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$28,845.47. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guest: Monadnock Region Rail Trail Collaborative, Michael Kowalczk; Bruce Clement Recreation Committee: Susie Harris and Alan Bell; Snow Belters, Dan Shelly
 - Bureau of Trails responsible for trails but does not have resources to work to maintain. Currently the bureau works with Snow Belters, but is looking for Town to include fundraising and maintenance work for the Rail Trail under the Recreation Committee. The committee would decide how to raise money and what projects they would work on.
 - Greater Monadnock Collaborative Chamber of Commerce is encouraging people to use the trail and spotlights local businesses along the trail areas.
 - Funding - Kowalczk is a Rail Trail Commissioner in Swanzey and they have a working relationship with the County grant writers who help find and write grants for work they are doing. Kowalczk will work with the Recreation Committee to raise and manage money.
 - Bell - Rail Trail is now in great shape and just needs maintenance.
 - Selectmen concerned with tasks the Recreation Committee will be responsible for and how money is raised and managed. There are also concerns about volunteers being insured as Rail Trails are not owed by the Town. Selectmen asked the Committee to draft a proposal to address these issues before a decision is to be made.
5. Old Business
 - A. River Road South - The \$800,000 Congressional Direct Spending Grant requested for River Road South Bridge was denied. A meeting with bridge engineers, NHDOT, and the County has been scheduled October 21, 2025 at the 1pm Selectboard meeting to discuss other options for replacing the bridge. In the interim there have been issues with people moving State road closure barricades and driving across the County field. Both the State and County are aware of the issue
 - B. Meeting Recordings - Snowdon has researched some options for video taping and making public meetings available for residents. Currently a resident has been filming the meetings but to date has not been able to post due to formatting issues. The most efficient and affordable option found that is used by many other towns is Town Hall Streams. The Maine based company will provide and set up video equipment and microphones and for \$250 per month the Town can record unlimited meetings. There is no contract and can be discontinued at any time. The recordings are stored on a video web site accessible to the public for 5 years then moved to

a back up site. Motion made by Mark Terry, seconded by Bill McGahie to work with Town Hall Streams to install video equipment in the dining area of the Town Hall and provide capability to stream meetings. Motion passed 3-0.

6. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following

Payroll 9/16	Veteran's Depot \$648.00	Grainger \$430.66
Payroll Taxes 9/16	USPS \$236.69	Adobe \$239.88
Eversource \$378.72	GoDaddy \$359.88	Invoice Cloud \$15.00

A. River Road North Bridge - State evaluation of the bridge shows debris under the bridge has accumulated to the point of nearly blocking water from passing through. Snowdon suggested tabling the topic until the October 21st meeting when NHDOT is present to discuss potential ways to fix the problem and all members agreed.

B. A motion was made by Bill McGahie, seconded by John Snowdon to move the pickle ball donation of \$500 to the Pickle Ball Court Fund. Motion passed 3-0

C. Snowdon suggested and all selectmen agreed that the role of the Selectman as an ex officio Planning Board member is not to relay zoning complaints. When the Planning Board recognizes a zoning issue that needs to be addressed it needs to be submitted by the board in writing to the Selectboard with ordinances/RSAs and recommendations no later than 5pm Thursday before Selectmen's Meeting.

7. Upcoming:

- September 18th 12-1:30 - BEA informational webinar concerning all of the land use legislation
- October 7th 6pm - Land Use Board meeting with Town Attorney, Michael Malaguti to discuss upcoming NH law changes
- October 21st 1pm River Road Bridge Meeting with NHDOT, County and Engineer

8. 2:27pm motion made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (I). Motion passed 3-0

9. 2:55pm motion made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to leave nonpublic session, return to public session and adjourn meeting Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2025 1:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

John Snowdon, Chairman

William McGahie

Mark Terry