

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by John Snowdon.
2. Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2026 Motion was made by Mark Terry seconded by John Snowdon 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 \$55,838.86 Motion passed 3-0.
4. 1:04 pm Motion made by Mark Terry seconded by Bill McGahie to open a public hearing to consider adoption of permit fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a: Event Permit Fee – \$150; Mobile Vendor Permit Fee– \$150. Motion passed 3-0
5. Guest:
 - A. Road Agent, Dave Poklemba - Vehicle Sales and Equipment Updates
 - a. John Snowdon made a motion, seconded by Mark Terry, to accept the closing bid of \$6,900 for the 2011 International truck listed on GovDeals. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.
 - b. Dave Poklemba reported that the 2009 International truck requires a new fuel tank. He recommended completing necessary repairs to prepare the vehicle for sale on GovDeals before additional issues arise. The Town has approved the purchase of a replacement truck, expected to arrive in June. Poklemba will use the backup truck in the interim. He estimated the sale value of the 2009 truck to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Motion made by John Snowdon seconded by Mark Terry, to authorize repairs to the 2009 International truck and to list it for sale on GovDeals. The motion passed 3-0.
 - B. Tom Bates - Wetlands/Culvert
 - John Snowdon and Dave Poklemba met with abutting property owner Denver Durham on Old Moore Road to discuss ongoing wetland concerns on Durham's property, including the potential replacement and lowering of an existing road culvert. Poklemba expressed the opinion that replacing the culvert would not resolve the issue. Snowdon advised Mr. Durham to file a complaint with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), naming the Town, in order to obtain guidance on an appropriate solution. Snowdon stated that if NHDES recommends altering or replacing the culvert, the Town will proceed accordingly; however, no work will be undertaken until formal direction is received.
 - Mr. Bates informed the Selectboard that Mr. Durham intends to include him in the complaint, alleging that a French drain on Mr. Bates' property contributes to the issue. Mr. Bates noted that abutting property owners along what was historically a farm drainage ditch from Chickering Farm have reported wet conditions for more than 40 years. He also stated that a pole barn constructed on Mr. Durham's property by previous owners is located near wetlands and may be susceptible to flooding.
 - Mr. Bates explained that he obtained all necessary permits from NHDES, the Connecticut River Local Advisory Committee, and the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau prior to installing the approximately 350-foot French drain, which includes a screen that he maintains. He expressed concern that lowering the culvert could result in sand, silt, and

debris damaging the drain and rendering it inoperable, and he believes the Town could be responsible for such damage.

- Snowdon reiterated that the Town will not undertake any work on the culvert without formal direction from NHDES. If modifications to the culvert are recommended, all abutting property owners will be notified.

5. Old Business:

Motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon to accept and adopt the Special Public Event Permit and the Mobile Vendor Permit as written. Motion passed 3-0.

6. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following

The Selectmen approved the appointment of JJ Prior as a Zoning Board Member

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| Intent to Excavate (1) | Municipal Data Certificate | MS232 |
| Timber Warrant (1) | Declaration of Deposit Authority | Fireworks Permit |
| Excavation Warrant | Selectmen Audit Questionnaire | |

A. Conflict of Interest Policy - Mark Terry made a motion, seconded by John Snowdon, to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy as written, in accordance with the auditor's recommendations. Motion passed 3-0

B. Fire Department Detail Rates - After reviewing current fire detail rates, the Selectboard concurred with Chief Nelson that an increase was warranted. The existing rates were \$20 per hour for the Fire Chief and Deputy, and \$15 per hour for firefighters.

Following discussion, Mark Terry made a motion, seconded by John Snowdon, to increase the detail rate to \$50 per hour for the Fire Chief and Deputy, and \$35 per hour for firefighters, to better align with comparable services in the region. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Proposal for Town Hall Use - A proposal was received from Gretchen Nadeau to use Town Hall for two six-week summer sessions offering Pilates and yoga classes. Program fees would be paid directly to the instructor. Following brief discussion, Mark Terry made a motion, seconded by John Snowdon, to approve use of Town Hall for these classes at a rate of \$15 per class, contingent upon the instructor providing a certificate of liability insurance. Motion passed 3-0

D. Budget Reallocation – IT Services - Mark Terry made a motion, seconded by Bill McGahie, to reallocate \$4,000 from the Town Clerk Deputy line (Section 4140) to the IT Services line (Section 4130) to cover unanticipated costs associated with state-mandated firewall upgrades for DMV operations.

7. Correspondence: Monadnock 250 Committee invite to join celebration July 3rd (attached)

8. Upcoming:

April 27-30, 2026 Auditors

May 16th CCEMS CPR 9-12:30 Stop the Bleed 1-2:30 at the Fire Station

May 30th Westmoreland 250th Celebration

June 2nd Land Use Boards Meeting 6pm

9 . Mark Terry made a motion, seconded by John Snowdon, to establish permit fees of \$150 for both event permits and mobile vendor permits and to close the public hearing. Motion passed 3-0.

10. Nonpublic Meeting

At 2:26 p.m., a motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon, to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Roll call vote to enter non-public John Snowdon – Yes; Mark Terry – Yes; Bill McGahie – Yes. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by Bill McGahie, to seal the minutes. Roll call vote to seal minutes: John Snowdon – Yes; Mark Terry – Yes; Bill McGahie – Yes. Motion passed.

At 4:07, a motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon, to exit the nonpublic session. Motion passed 3-0.

11. At 4:07pm a motion was made by John Snowdon seconded by Bill McGahie to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 6:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

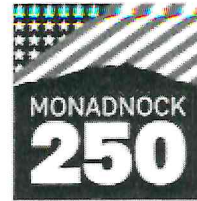
Mark Terry, Chairman

William McGahie

John Snowdon

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April 17, 2026

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Justin Somma
Manager
Hannah Grimes
Marketplace

Please join us in celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a weekend of festivities.

The celebration kicks off Friday, July 3, 2026, with a Swamp Bats game and fireworks, followed by the annual Four on the Fourth road race and a parade through downtown Keene on Saturday morning.

We invite every town and organization in the Monadnock Region to participate, with monetary prizes for the best floats and free custom banners for the first 50 groups to register.

Beyond the parade, the holiday weekend will feature live music, historical demonstrations at Wyman Tavern, and a public reading of the Declaration.

To join us in our parade and community activities, please indicate your interest and access our Monadnock 250 Registration Form by May 4, 2026 on our website at:

www.monadnock250.com

Or, email us at monadnock250@gmail.com

Also, please send us your schedule of events if you plan to hold your own activities in your town.

Let's make this the celebration of a lifetime in the Monadnock Region!

Very truly yours,

Terry M. Clark
Cheshire County Commissioner