

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by John Snowdon.
2. Approval of Minutes: December 17, 2024. Motion was made by Bill McGahie, seconded by Mark Terry 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 12/23-\$26,791.71, 12/31- \$17,449.06, 1/7 - \$264,703.94 Fire Station 12/23 \$20, 644.00 Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guests: Cindy & Tim Hatt - Boundary Issues McAdam Road
 - 2008 road between Town and Hatt property was discontinued by Superior Court after the Board of Selectmen voted to give up the right-of-way and stop using the driveway on the south side of the building. Town returned to using the original deeded right-of-way. Discontinued road is Hatt's property.
 - Boundaries of property and abutting Simino property determined by court according to a survey prepared by William Fitzgerald in 2001 for Clyde and Susan Simino.
 - Hatt's want to fence in their property. Abutters are not allowing this to happen so Hatt's would like Selectboard to inform the Simino's that they have a right to do this.
 - Selectboard suggested Hatt's file a contempt of court as the abutter is violating a court order. Selectmen agree that they can look at the property and reiterate what was determined with the discontinuance of the road, but issues are a civil matter.
5. Old Business
 - A. Recycling Committee
 1. Ruggerio ready to begin when Casella makes last pick up. Need to take to Casella about the container Town purchased originally so Town ends up with.
 2. Wastezero presenting 1st Pay as You Throw informational session at Town Hall Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 10am.
 - B. Motion made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to adopt Zoning Enforcement Policy with minor changes. Motion passed 3-0
 - C. Thompson Road - December 19th Town received the decision of December 16th court hearing. Jason Desruisseau and everyone else on the property was ordered to immediately evict the property of 95 Thompson Road due to a failed septic system. Violations of the order result in contempt and civil penalties of \$250 per day. Owner ordered to pay Town's legal cost. Motion for contempt filed January 3rd by Town attorney.
 - D. Hurricane Road - Health Officer, Land Use Administrator, and Building Inspector to inspect Duplex on property for any safety issues. Duplex is not in compliance and Planning Board will not be able to sign Site Plan until either a variance can be obtained or Duplex not in use. Agriculture on the property should not be inhibited as the property has a long

history of agriculture going back prior to ordinances in place. Florenz to meet with the Planning Board this month.

- E. Route 63 - Second violation letter to be sent to Peter Heins at 75 Route 63 for a trailer on property being used as a residence in violation with Town Ordinance Section 449 as well as State RSA 147:8.
- F. Overwatch - Assessment on January 13th to see what is needed to assist the Town in becoming more secure against a potential cyber event. Overwatch is working with grant money to help municipalities move to .gov email and acquiring appropriate licensure. Motion made by Mark Terry, Seconded by Bill McGahie to sign contract with Overwatch for assessment to be conducted. Motion passed 3-0
- G. River Road Bridge Load Study - Engineer, Josif Bicja, volunteered to do a load study on the River Road Bridge. He has submitted his findings and suggested changes to NHDOT. C.R. Willeke, P.E. Municipal Highways Engineer NH Dept. of Transportation hoping to review and have results to us by next meeting.

6. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll 12/23/24, 1/7/25	Amazon \$108.29	Timber Tax Warrants (2)
Payroll Taxes 12/23/24, 1/7/25	Harbor Freight \$459.98	Assessor Contract
NH Bond Bank \$57,036.80	Citco \$92.95	December Statements
Retirement \$4168.44	Invoice Cloud \$60.40	

- A. Southwest Regional Planning emailed grant opportunities with informational sessions beginning next week. Selectmen plan to attend webinars that apply to explore opportunities.
- B. Emergency Operations Center - Terry - talked to EMC members at a meeting about making Town Hall an Emergency Operation Center. Location has more space and easier to align communication with town government. The Fire Station just received the generator grant as an EOC so would need to see if designating Town Hall as a location will be a conflict. If we can make an EOC it would open opportunities for FEMA grants which could include a lift.
- C. The Emergency Management Committee will be actively looking for people to help man the EOC during an emergency. Plan to mail cards and potentially use space in the Westmorelands to recruit.
- D. Town Hall Rental - Discussed fees for renting Town Hall as well as need for liability insurance for all who use the hall per Town Insurance. Rental revisions to be finalized for next meeting for approval.

7. Upcoming: Land Use Boards February 4, 2025 6pm
Budget Hearings: February 7, 2025 Town 6pm & School 7pm

8. 8:29 pm Motion by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(1) . Motion passed 3-0.

9. 8:47 pm Motion by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Motion passed 3-0. Motion made by John Snowdon to seal the minutes of the non-public session, seconded by Mark Terry. Motion passed 3-0.

10. 8:49 pm Motion by Mark Terry, seconded by Bill McGahie to adjourn meeting. Motion Passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2024 1:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Snowdon, Chairman

William McGahie

Mark Terry