

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by John Snowdon
2. Warrant Articles:
 - Discussed warrant article for Highway Department Tractor with Cutter and Mower in November, however as the winter season has progressed it has become apparent that there is a greater need for a new plow truck. Trucks have been in for repair multiple times this season and have several safety issues at this point.
 - 2009 truck has the largest wing and is one of the main trucks. It needs a \$50,000 dump body and has needed several repairs. The 2011 truck is the backup truck but not a powerful enough truck for the needs of the town. The newest plow truck is a 2017 which had a new engine last year.
 - Dave Poklemba, Road Agent presented estimates for 3 trucks ranging from \$262,819 to 296,000. Poklemba recommended a Western Star 47X as the best option for the Town which costs \$288,370. The truck has a 7 year warranty.
 - If the paving budget is reduced to \$125,000 from \$225,000 and do just 2 small roads this year pushing others off a year the \$100,000 could be used towards a down payment. Repair budget for trucks could be reduced \$10,000 as well since warranty should be able to reduce the repair costs.
 - A \$288,370 truck with \$120,000 downpayment financed for 5 years with payments of \$39, 093.70 to begin in 2027 would not raise the budget. The grader will be paid off this year before the 5 year payments for the truck begin.
 - Selectmen to research surrounding towns for replacement schedules for highway vehicles.
3. 2:34pm motion made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to adjourn Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

<p>NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 1:00PM</p> <p>MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED</p> <p>SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL</p>
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Snowdon, Chairman

Mark Terry

William McGahie