

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by John Snowdon. .
2. Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2025 Motion was made by Bill McGahie, seconded by John Snowdon to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 2-0.
3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Bill McGahie, seconded by John Snowdon to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$19,462.46. Motion passed 2-0.

Old Business

- A. Emergency Management - Scott Talbot
 - a. The fire tower is complete. Once the final invoice is paid and time line completed can receive reimbursement from the State. Will need to have an electrician complete wiring to the controller. This may need to wait until next year's budget.
 - b. Prior to a drill that is scheduled to be conducted October 30th, there needs to be a training with all board heads. This approximately 2 hour training should take place in September. Talbot to put together potential dates and forward to the Town Administrator to put out a poll of when people can attend.
- B. Old Home Days - Jodi Scanlan - The event was overall successful, but attendance was much less than previous years. The committee plans to discuss having Old Home Days every 3-5 years. There will need to be more volunteers and some new committee members to make the event happen in the future.
- C. Sprinkler System - The sprinkler system is online. It has been connected to the fire station pump and has been fully tested.

4. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following

Payroll 8/19	HealthTrust \$7149.24	Grainger \$374.05
Payroll Taxes 8/19	Eversource \$488.80	Citco/Wex Bank \$162.33
Cemetery Deed (1)	Invoice Cloud \$80.60	Deluxe Checks \$281.89

A. Fire Pond - Anson & Laurie Burt

Land for sale on Route 63 where the town fire pond is across from the fire station. Have had issues with the Lanes who own the neighboring property making it hard to access over the years. They have parked vehicles impeding log truck access to the property, and have interfered with spraying of the cornfield which was permitted and allowed. They are now being hostile to prospective buyers. It is specified in the Lanes deed that they are to maintain the fence on the property line. Part of the fence was taken out so the fire pond could be more easily accessed by the fire department and then the Lanes removed a large portion creating boundary issues. The Lanes driveway was at one time moved and is now ½

on the Burts property. The driveway is currently shared by the Burts which allows the Lanes to use as well as the fire department. Burts would like the Town to help find boundary pins in the driveway and write Lanes a letter reminding them that the driveway is being shared with them as it is ½ on the Burts land. They cannot block access to Burt's property or the fire pond. Worst case if Lanes refuse to comply they will need to create a new driveway on their land. Selectmen agree to work with the Road agent to determine where boundary pins are and then write a letter to Lanes.

B. Complaint - Selectmen received a complaint form regarding a larger chicken run being built on South Village Road. The neighbor is concerned about the increase in chickens and noise. Also mentioned an increase in rodents. Land Use Administrator, Laurie Burt commented that the chicken run is within the original footprint but higher to allow a cover to prevent hawks from taking the chickens. It is within what has been approved on the site plan by the Planning Board. Selectboard agreed that there is not a violation of a zoning violation to be enforced at this time.

C. Dog Complaint -received email from State Trooper DeLisle about a dog roaming on McAdam road causing issues for neighbors. The dog appears to be unkept and has not been registered with the Town. A report has been made to the NHSP who is investigating. A letter and fine was issued by the Town to the owner.

5. A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie per RSA 31:19 to accept donations for Old Home Days in the amount of \$100. Motion passed 2-0

6. A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie per RSA 31:19 to accept donations for Edson Cemetery in the amount of \$500. Motion passed 2-0

7. A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to adjourn at 1:34pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 6:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Snowdon, Chairman

William McGahie

Mark Terry