

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mark Terry
2. Approval of Minutes: April 21, 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 Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$606,085.32 Motion passed 3-0.
4. The Selectboard introduced a working group to develop a long-term replacement plan for highway equipment. The goal is to establish a predictable replacement schedule and avoid large, unexpected capital expenditures. The group will evaluate equipment replacement timing (e.g., selling prior to or after warranty expiration) and review practices from other municipalities. The group is expected to meet two to three times and report back to the Selectboard in June.

Group members include: Bill Franzen, Trustee of the Trust Funds; Dave Poklemba, Road Agent; Sean Miner, Highway Department; Bob Bartlett, resident with 36 years of public works experience in Massachusetts; Adam Hogenmiller, resident and owner of Twin State Truck Service; and Nate Leslie, resident and sales representative with ATG Patriot.

5. Old Business

A. Partridge Brook Bridge

The Board was previously informed that a vehicle struck the bridge during snowy conditions and left the scene. Skid marks and guardrail damage were observed, and inspection confirmed that a post and section of guardrail require repair. The Road Agent will coordinate with Cold River Bridges to complete the repairs.

B. River Road Bridge

- a. The State is advancing the bridge study; required documentation has been submitted, and the Executive Council is expected to review the contract on May 20.
- b. The Board addressed misinformation circulating publicly on Facebook, clarifying that the bridge closure resulted from engineering findings limiting the bridge to 3 tons, not from an accident involving a plow truck. No such accident occurred.

6. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following

The Selectmen approved the appointment of James Church as a Planning Board Member
Timber Warrant (2), Investment Policy Review, Trails Grant Support Letter

- A. Special Event Permit - The Board reviewed the permit application for Mr. Kats which they found to be thorough. For neighborhood considerations, the Board approved hours of 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., rather than the requested 11:00 p.m. closing.
- B. The Board discussed a pest infestation at the Corner Schoolhouse and noted there is currently no maintenance budget.

A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry, to allocate \$600 from the General Government Building Repair and Maintenance line for extermination services. Motion passed 3–0.

The Board will consider adding a dedicated budget line for future repair and maintenance needs.

C. The Board discussed a Town audit finding indicating that restitution payments from a former tax collector have ceased, with approximately \$53,752 outstanding. The auditors recommended pursuing legal action. The Board agreed to consult town counsel as recommended.

7. The Board approved sending four zoning violation letters for: unpermitted commercial activity, site plan compliance issues, driveway on a Class VI Road and unauthorized work on a Class VI road.

8. Upcoming: May 16th CCEMS - Free 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. Nonpublic Meeting

At 6:43 pm., a motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by Bill McGahie, to enter a 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 John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry, to seal the minutes. Roll call vote to seal minutes: John Snowdon – Yes; Mark Terry – Yes; Bill McGahie – Yes. Motion passed.

At 7:30 pm, a motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon, to exit the nonpublic session. Motion passed 3–0.

10. At 7:30 pm 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 19, 2026 1:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark Terry, Chairman

John Snowdon

William McGahie