

# Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by John Snowdon.
2. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2025. Motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by Bill McGahie 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 \$119,333.12 Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guests: Health Inspector, Scott Talbot
  - A. Hurricane Road - Duplex inspection resulted in multiple electrical and fire safety infractions. Duplex was never permitted or inspected and came up when noticed as a multiple dwelling by the Assessor. Health officer gave the new owner of the property, Archway Farms, an order to fix violations which he has agreed to do. Snowdon - New site plan cannot be approved due to compliance issues including the duplex which commercial industrial is not zoned for. The Planning Board agreed to give Archway Farms until June 16th to have property in compliance for the site plan to be approved. Agriculture may resume on property unaffected by compliance or inspection issues.
  - B. Pioneer School - Annual inspection. A 1999 test revealed lead in water which the Board of Directors remediated with placement of water bubblers for drinking water in the school. Need NHDES confirmation that this is adequate for the school.
5. Old Business
  - A. Thompson Road - Jason Desruisseau motioned for a reconsideration which was denied by the court. Town has been notified that Desruisseau has an agreement to sell the property if he has not subdivided by February. Town attorney filed a motion for ex parte attachment
  - 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 vacate 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. Route 63 Violation - Snowdon - Camper has been moved to the back end of the house and appears to be vacant.
  - E. Recycling Committee
    1. Working to notify Casella that the town will be changing to Ruggerio. Have a copy

of payment made for the container in 2015 and hope Cassella will return a container to the Town.

2. McGahie - Four more people want to volunteer to be on the recycling committee. Committee set up for 5 members, but need more people to help educate residents. Mark Terry made a motion seconded by John Snowdon to expand the committee to 7 members. Motion passed 3-0. Four members appointed by selectmen to the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee: Victor Kissell, Harry Ackerman, Barbara Goodine and Nicole Slaughter.

F. Town Hall painting estimates for front and post office sides as well as steeple. 2 estimates within \$1,500 of each other. Will uses bid for \$34, 950 for warrant article and if passes put out official RFP.

G. A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to send a letter to Cyld and Susan Simino informing them of Tim and Cindy Hatt's right to fence their property boundary lines and inform them as well that there is a deeded right-of-way on their property to the Hatt's property. Motion passed 3-0.

H. A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to accept the new Town Hall Rental Agreement. Motion passed 3-0

I. Overwatch/.gov - .gov name request approved. Selectmen will have names and all other emails will be by office. Will include the library as well since it could open up grant opportunities for them.

## 6. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll 1/21/25	Amazon \$11.55 Eversource	- Transfer Bond Money 881
Payroll Taxes 1/21/25 Audit	\$1067.27 USPS \$12.62	- Bond Payment
Contract	General Journal Entries 880	882 - Restitution

A. Accounting - Many towns have an administrator and a bookkeeper. As municipal accounting and tax laws get increasingly more complicated Selectmen agree it is time to consider some accounting options including a firm to help decide on the best accounting software and help set it up. Municipal Resources Inc. is recommended by several towns. A motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon to contact Municipal Resources inc for a proposal of services. Motion passed 3-0

B. Investment Pool - several towns are using it to earn additional interest on their money. John Snowdon will research and see if it is something that would be good for Westmoreland to participate in.

C. Land Use Board Meeting February 4th at 6pm.- Agenda to be determined prior. Will include discussion about next year's total reval and how to encourage town residents to have property cards match what they actually have by requesting after the fact permits or whatever is needed before the assessor visits their property.

D. Other - Nancy Hillier was concerned about a large amount of salt on Butterfield Hill Road. Piles on the side on the road near wells and farmland. Asking Selectmen to look into better spreaders and possibility of state programs to help towns get better spreaders. Selectmen will talk to road agent to see if there is a way to eliminate excess salt chunks on the road.

7. John Snowdon made a motion, seconded by Mark Terry per RSA 31:95-b to accept and expend \$200 donated to offset the cost of the Westmorelander. Motion passed 3-0.

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

9. Correspondence:

- Fire Mutual Aid - notice of fixed charge originally for mortgage to stay in place and be put in a capital reserve for future upgrades.
- Thank you note - Starkey-Cobb recipient.
- Executive Councilor Cinde Warmington 2024 Annual Report.

10. 2:55pm Motion by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon to adjourn meeting. Motion Passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Scanlan  
Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2025  
6:00PM MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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John Snowdon, Chairman

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William McGahie

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Mark Terry