

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 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: July 1, 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 John Snowdon seconded by Bill McGahie to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$19,770.01. Motion passed 2-0.
4. Old Business
 - A. Recycling Center - Harry Ackerman, Recycling Committee Chair - Pay As You Throw (PAYT)
 - a. The committee met at the recycling center July 8th to walk through placement of bins and will meet again today at 4pm to make signs and finish tables. Recycles will be presorted into bins. Co-mingle will have only 1 & 2 plastics which will go to Keene, but if the load is contaminated with other items it will cost the town more money. Sending the container as is costs \$238 per ton while sorting and sending to Keene will cost \$50. The committee plans to have a practice run before July 30th and is setting up an app that will allow volunteers to sign up to help at the center. Saving the town money in recycling costs relies on volunteers.
 - b. July 30th begins PAYT. Anyone without prepurchased bags will be charged \$2 per bag.
 - c. Knotweed is taking over at the recycling center. Needs to be mediated so space can be used. Motion made by Bill McGahie, seconded by John Snowdon to work with Paul Steblein to cut and use most effective treatment measures on a small portion of knotweed in the road to the burn pile and in the way of where containers are to be placed. Motion passed 2-0.
5. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following

Payroll 7/9/2025	NHMBB \$226,736.80	USPS \$215.53
Payroll Taxes 7/9/2025	Invoice Cloud \$37.60	Home Depot \$80.40
Cemetery Deeds (2)	Amazon \$150.54	Granite State Foam (OHD) \$575.00
Payment Agreement (1)	Eversource \$756.08	Citco/Wex Bank \$165.01
Deed Waiver (1)	The Vacuum Store \$142.00	

- A. County Barn - The County renovated the barn on River Road to be a place of assembly and has asked Chief Nelson to issue an Occupancy Certificate. Due to concerns about the need for an alarm system and potentially a sprinkler the Chief Nelson reached out to the State Fire Marshall. The occupancy based on square footage formula the state uses is just under the requirement for a sprinkler system however if a kitchen is added which the County would like to do they may be required by code to have a sprinkler system. Chief Nelson is waiting for the Fire Marshall to provide code requirement information before issuing an OC. In the event of offices being added to the second floor, a sprinkler system would be required at that time. A building permit for this project was not obtained by the County , but it is unknown whether or not one is needed for the County.

6. A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie per RSA 31:19 to accept donations for the Old Home Days Event in the amount of \$350. Motion passed 2-0
7. August 5th meeting will be held at 1pm not 6pm. Eversource to attend.
8. 1:52pm Motion by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to enter nonpublic session per RSA91-A:3 II(c). Motion passed 2-0.
9. 2:12pm Motion by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to leave nonpublic session, return to public session and adjourn meeting Motion passed 2-0

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 5, 2025 1:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Snowdon, Chairman

Mark Terry

William McGahie