

# Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by John Snowdon.
2. Approval of Minutes: December 3, 10, 11 & 16, 2024. 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 Mark Terry to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$73,332.59 Motion passed 3-0.
4. Guests: Terry Cox Community Power
  - CPCNH to meet December 30th to set default service. Currently the Town has Granite Basic set as default which is the least expensive rate. Customers can opt to use Granite Plus, Clean 50 or Clean 100.
  - A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to stay with Granite Basic as default. Motion passed 3-0
5. Old Business
  - A. Archway Farms - Mark Florenz. Purchased property on Hurricane Road to use for farm animals and cannot until in compliance. Seeking a way to proceed while addressing noncompliance issues. Per Town Council, When a property is purchased the new owner assumes issues and Selectmen cannot allow just because they were pre existing.
    1. Puppy Mill on property - Has been addressed. Tenants no longer breed puppies for sale.
    2. Auto Repair - More vehicles around outside than aloud by ordinances. Have been removed.
    3. Junk yard at another building needs to be addressed - Florenz requested something in writing from the Town before pursuing with the tenant.
    4. Duplex - not allowed in Commercial Industrial zone. Snowdon recommended Florenz seek variance from the Zoning Board for the duplex. Health Office, Building Inspector, and Land Use Administrator to inspect duplex for any safety issues as building was not originally permitted.
    5. Zoning granted Special Exception for agriculture and storage units. The Planning Board has to sign off on the site plan which can happen once in compliance.
    6. Terry - These types of issues keep coming up with old violations and new property owners. Provided no safety issues could these be grandfathered? Snowdon - If it can be done the topic can be discussed at the Land Use Boards Meeting in February.
  - B. Thompson Road - Town had a court hearing with the owner of 95 Thompson Road December 16th. Septic proven to have failed and dangerous E coli levels have been tested on site which are seeping through culvert into neighboring pond. Owner was told by the judge at the last hearing that only he could live in the residence and could not use the septic. He has been found to have violated both and the Judge to determine whether or not to evict from the property until septic replaced. Snowdon thanked Scott Tabot for work done as Health Officer.

6. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll 12/10/2024	Intuit \$1849.00	UPSP \$11.00
Payroll Taxes 12/10/2024	ATG \$25,000	The Vacuum Store \$13.50
HealthTrust \$6463.92	Amazon \$142.88	General Journal Entries
Eversource \$907.71	Staples \$595.51	#873 - Voided Check
NHMA \$1602.00	J&J Discount \$43.97	#875 - Restitution
	Marazoff Assessing \$4960.00	

- A. The Master Plan Committee requested the purchase of 800 stamps and envelopes be purchased to be used for return envelopes. Survey to be mailed with the Westmorelander.
- B. The Selectmen discussed distribution of the Starkey/Cobb Christmas Fund. The fund was established in 1935 by William Starkey and is designated for the aged & needy at Christmastime at the discretion of the Selectmen. Funds were added by Ellen Cobb in 1987 and an anonymous donation was made in 2011. Interest added the previous year from the fund is used each year to distribute. A motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon to divide interest from the fund equally among the residents on the list provided by the Town Administrator
- C. A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to encumber \$8148 funds for Digital Mapping, \$66,250 for Generator, and \$549 Old Home Days. Motion passed 3-0

7. Upcoming Meetings: Budget Committee January 6, 2025 6:30pm  
Land Use Boards February 4, 2025 6pm

8. 7:58 pm Motion by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon to adjourn meeting. Motion Passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Scanlan  
Town Administrator

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2024 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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Mark Terry

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William McGahie