

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday June 18, 2024

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by John Snowdon.
2. Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2024. Motion was made by Bill McGahie, seconded by John Snowdon to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 2-0.
3. Guest: Frank Richter - Clean Energy NH
 - A. Clean Energy NH helps transition to clean energy. Will help municipalities with funding for energy studies, writing or modifying solar ordinances, and help find grant funding. Policy team keeps track of legislative changes. Training and conferences available free for municipalities who become members.
 - B. Snowdon - Grant learned about December 2023 just opened and is not as anticipated. \$550 million federal funds for clean energy, but NH will only receive 1.5 million. Tier 2 towns (Westmoreland) will have \$400,000 available to apply for.
 - C. Mark Hayward - Looking at all options available for solar at the school. How would this grant be split and will it be available for schools?
 - D. Richter - Grant for systems under 60kw. Only municipalities can apply for the current grant. CENH is waiting for answers about how the grant will be awarded, but anticipates it will be a competitive process. Will send Hayward webinars and information that may be helpful for the school.
 - E. Richter - recommend being prepared with quotes and proposals, letters of support, energy audits. Have research done and be prepared for when grants come out so ready to apply. Some towns set up capital reserve funds to save for solar investment.
 - F. 30% rebate available to municipalities through 2032
 - G. Snowdon - Town should move forward with energy audits. Selectmen agree that further research needs to be done to see what would be best for the town. Snowdon to meet with Solar Dave, Fire Chief and Energy Committee members to discuss possibilities including preparing for potential grant funding. Once more research is done it will be brought to a future Selectboard meeting.
4. Old Business
 - A. Aldrich Road - Activity noticed at previously advertised rentals. Zoning Administrator and Selectboard member to schedule time to see property and involve the Health Officer is necessary.
 - B. Thompson Road -Town attorney has not yet reviewed information from the health officer. Snowdon reiterated septic issues contaminating neighbors property. Talbot to follow up with the attorney.
 - C. Bump Road - Owner, Scott Fifield in attendance.
 - a. Health Officer, Scott Talbot, discussed deficiencies of waste disposal with Fifield. Fifield has agreed to comply with minimum state requirements to provide safe conditions temporarily until tenants can be moved from property: 1. Provide port-a-potty 2. Holding tank to contain gray water only to be removed by septic

company or brought to certified waste station for disposal 3.Cease dumping black water etc. in the out house. 4. Cap and seal outhouse.

- b. Fifield requested in writing a 6 month extension for the tenant living in a camper on the property. Selectmen agreed to table discussion about extension until the next meeting when all selectmen present. Snowden - Does not change any deadlines given at this time.
- c. Fifield - Tenant living in a camper there for 11 years. When his wife died soon after moving there the health officer at the time inspected conditions and everything was fine. Fifield requested in writing a copy of the complaint letter received by the Board of Selectmen and was given a copy per RSA 91-A:4.

D. Radio Tower - Talbot - packets sent to qualified vendors to bid. Should be ready to select a vendor and purchase equipment by the end of the month.

5. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by John Snowden, seconded by Bill McGahie to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$92,758.06 and Fire Station \$7,222.00 Motion passed 2-0.

6. New Business - None

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Tax Warrant	USPS \$96.03	Clerk Mileage \$174.20
Payroll 6/8/2024	Amazon \$69.43	Invoice Cloud \$28.80
Payroll Taxes 6/12/2024	Eversource \$428.27	Assistance \$1100.00

7. Meeting Adjourned 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JULY 2 , 2024 10:00AM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Snowden, Chairman

William McGahie