

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday March 19, 2024

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by John Snowdon.
2. Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2024. Motion was made by Bill McGahie, seconded by John Snowdon to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 2-0. Mark Terry did not vote
3. Motion was made by Mark Terry, second by Bill McGahie to nominate John Snowdon as the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed 3-0.
Bill McGahie will be the selectmen's representative on the Planning Board.
John Snowdon will serve as the selectmen's representative on the Budget Committee.
4. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Bill McGahie, seconded by Mark Terry to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$37,947.88 and Fire Station \$142,392.25 Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business
 - A. Culvert/Bridge Grant - Snowdon - Town voted to raise \$8,956 of the \$25,563 cost to inventory town owned and maintained stormwater and stream crossings. The remaining \$16,607 to come from grant funds through Southwest Regional Planning. SWPR will be providing the Town a contract including the scope of the project within next few weeks.
 - B. Community Power Advisory Committee - Terry - The committee recommends that the advisory committee be disbanded since they have accomplished what they were supposed to do. Also recommend establishing an Energy Committee. Scott Talbot and Terry Cox have volunteered to be founding members. Snowdon - New committee would need to provide a mission and purpose statement to outline what the committee will do. Terry - Board needs to appoint Terry Cox as Member Representative and Mark Terry as Alternate and send revision to CCPNH. McGahie - Are there updates about Net Metering? Terry - No, but moving in a positive direction.
6. New Business
Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll 3/19/2024	Amazon \$61.12	Intent to Excavate (2)
Payroll Taxes 3/19/2024	Eversource \$1768.37	Current Use Application
General Journal #853	VistaPrint \$140.00	Veteran's Exemption
Restitution Payment	Municipal Assess. Data Cert.	Municipal Agent Appt
	MS-232	Tax Collector Deputy

 - A. Board and Committee Appointments - Zoning Board Members - John Harris & Ernerst Perham, Planning Board Member - Alison Fisstte, Conservation Commission Member- Perry Sawyer, Recreation Committee Members - Kevin Hildreth & David Bressett
 - B. Land Use Board Meeting - Snowdon - If Board Chairs of the land use boards would like to continue meeting with the Board of Selectmen, suggest meeting April 16th or May 21st.

- C. Town Meeting & Report - Snowdon - Minutes to show Selectboard's appreciation to the Town Administrator for the excellent job preparing for the Town Meeting and the Annual Town Report while also overseeing preparations for the Town Audit.
- D. Scott Talbot, Health Inspector - Recently did a health inspection for the school. Why are other public Town buildings not inspected? Selectmen agree that they should be regularly inspected. Talbot to determine what that is to entail and carry out inspections.
- E. Communication tower project cost \$17,000 in which the town will be responsible for a 50% match. Match to be in kind with labor donated by Scott Talbot. Talbot will also be donating Ham radios to the School and Maplewood. Motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by Bill McGahie to accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as presented in the amount of \$8500 for the communications tower project and authorize Scott Talbot, Emergency Management Deputy to sign all documents related to the grant.
- F. Snowdon - Would like to have a selectboard to work with Emergency Management to finish requirements and updates for the emergency management plan. Mark Terry's experience in creating, implementing, and exercising emergency plans will be an enormous benefit to the Emergency Management Team and the Town. Also want to work with the Fire Chief to see what is needed for volunteers to cover our town and work towards the recruitment of more volunteers.

7. Correspondence: Attorney General – Right to Know Memorandum
 Keene City Council - Invitation
 NH Executive Council-Invitation

8. A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 7:26pm. Motion passed 3-0.

9. A motion was made by John Snowdon, second by Mark Terry, to seal the non-public session minutes and return to public session at 7:58pm. Motion passed

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Jodi Scanlan
 Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 2 , 2024 1:00PM
 MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
 SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

 John Snowdon, Chairman

 Mark Terry

 William McGahie