

# Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday November 21, 2023

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Frank Reeder, John Snowdon and Bill McGahie

1. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Frank Reeder.
2. Approval of Minutes: November 8, 2023 & November 15, 2023. Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guest:  
Chief Harry Nelson
  - Will not be using the generator donated from Cheshire County that was at Maplewood because it does not have a transfer switch. Cost for the transfer switch is \$50,000 and more cost effective to purchase a new generator.
  - Have found ways to save throughout the project to purchase a new generator. A generator is available to rent until the new one arrives.
  - County will be asked if they would like the generator back and if not will go out for bid.
4. Old Business
  - A. River Road North Bridge - NHDOT bridge inspection pictures show substantial build up under the bridge. Eckman Engineering has been working toward a solution for the past two years, but have not been able to schedule meetings with the Head of NHDES to resolve the sedimentation issue. To stop sediment from building up under the bridge would need to remove sediment from Aldrich Brook upstream of the crossing and move it downstream. Area under the bridge would be a higher velocity area that would transport sediment rather than depositing it. All options would have an impact on wetlands and multiple meetings with NHDES need to occur before progress can be made towards a solution.
  - B. Zoning Violation - No response to first violation letter sent to owners of unpermitted campground on Aldrich Road advertised on VRBO and Airbnb. Second violation letter to be mailed certified per Westmoreland Zoning Enforcement Policy
  - C. HVAC - Ductwork complete. Additional expense of \$4500 incurred because ductwork in the basement was not deemed fit for use. HVAC nearly complete with exception of some work to be done upstairs. Ciardelli Fuel Company to do a gas check on November 27th.
  - D. LCHIP Grant - 2023 grant awards announcement event December 11th
5. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$648,732.93 and Fire Station \$319,244.56 Motion passed 3-0.
6. New Business  
Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll 11/14/2023	Solar Exemption	Market Basket \$300.00
Payroll Taxes 11/16/2023	Cemetery Deed	Amazon \$792.36
CCEMS-Thank you letter	Eversource \$75.76	Invoice Cloud \$134.20

Appointments: Conservation Commission Member Anson Burt, Alternates Stuart Adams and Alisha Powell. Recycling Committee Members Hailey Mackey and Jean Prior

- A. Motion made by John Snowdon and seconded by Bill MaGahie to accept Selectmen Rules of Procedure Policy. Motion passed 3-0.
  - B. Town Clerk Audit - Annual review by State DMV October 19, 2023. No findings or issues. Clerk and Deputy commended for the organization and smooth operation of the office.
  - C. The Road Agent reported that they were unable to turn around on Hudson property on Wentworth Road while plowing as they have been. Letter written to owner to see if it would be possible to continue using the turn around as there is not another place to turn around safely.
- 7. Budget - Remaining expenses legal, health agency, animal control, patriotic/flag and payroll.
  - 8. Correspondence:  
Cheshire County press release (attached)  
Thank you letters - Southwest Community Services and MCVP  
NHDOT - HB2 Highway Block Grant. Westmoreland to receive \$23,335.90.
  - 9. Hearing to accept HB Highway Block Grant December 5, 2023 at 1pm
  - 10. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by John Snowdon to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) at 7:03pm. Motion passed 3-0.
  - 11. A motion was made by Frank Reeder, second by John Snowdon, to seal the non-public session minutes and return to the public session at 7:15pm. Motion passed 3-0.
  - 12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Scanlan  
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2023 1:00PM MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Frank Reeder, Chairman

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John Snowdon

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William McGahie