

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2025

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by John Snowdon.
2. Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2025 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 \$44,126.42 & \$256,791.53 Motion passed 3-0.
4. Old Business
 - A. Motion made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to accept bid of \$5050.50 for 1987 Engine 2 auctioned through GovDeal.com. Motion passed 3-0
 - B. 2009 Highway Truck in need of replacement. After each storm one or more trucks have been in the repair shop for various issues. The 2009 truck needs a new dump body which would be \$50,000+. Selectmen agree that as the truck is old and worn it does not make sense to put that much into it. Dave Poklemba, Road Agent, is looking for truck options to possibly purchase instead of a tractor at this time. Selectboard to meet with Poklemba to discuss options for mowing if a new tractor is not purchased.
5. New Business
Signature Approval was given for the following
Appointment of Recreation Trails Committee members:
Alan Bell, Bruce Clement and Dan Shelley

Payroll 12/23, 1/6	HealthTrust \$4650.80	Amazon \$182.69
Payroll Taxes 12/23, 1/6	Retirement \$2798.53	Deluxe Checks \$270.34
Assessing Contract	The Vacuum Store \$71.00	Invoice Cloud \$15.00
Current Use Application	Hannaford \$36.56	Citco \$174.12

- A. Town Clerk, Frank Riley, has resigned. Motion made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to appoint Deputy Clerk Ellis Pinkney-Chase to be Town Clerk until March election. Motion passed 3-0
- B. An anonymous complaint was received regarding the Town purchasing a new tractor. Although selectmen appreciate the thought and time put into the complaint, they agree that in light of the need for a new truck taking precedence over a tractor at this time there is no need to discuss the complaint.
- C. Old benches in the town hall are all in very poor condition. As they are a historical piece of the town hall the Town Administrator would like to find a way to restore potentially 2 benches from the remaining pieces of benches to preserve their history. Selectmen suggested approaching the Historical Society for ideas and help and possibly doing fundraising to finance the project.
- D. Letter received from Drummond and Woodsum regarding fee increase from \$255 to \$275 per hour. Selectmen agree service has been excellent and with increase the firm is still less than the Town's previous law firm.

E. With youth sports now part of the Recreation Committee money is going in and out of the general fund throughout the year. In order to allow the money to accumulate year after year it is recommended by Town counsel that a Recreation Revolving Fund be created pursuant RSA 35-S:2. Selectmen agree to add an article to establish the fund.

F. Mark Terry to talk to the health agencies requesting funds to better understand what they offer Westmoreland and what else can be offered.

6. Other Business

Courtney Davis asked selectmen to make an exception for his family's business after his site plan was not found adequate to proceed with Planning Board Hearing last night. Davis asked for 6 months of operation without a site plan at Route 12 location while working through the process. Selectmen tabled the request to review and seek legal counsel.

7. Correspondence - Thank-you notes and cards for donations received

8. Nonpublic Meeting

At 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry, to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Motion passed 3–0.

At 7:46 p.m., a motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry, to exit the nonpublic session. Motion passed 3–0.

A motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry, to seal the minutes. Roll call vote to seal minutes: John Snowdon – Yes; Mark Terry – Yes; Bill McGahie – Yes. Motion passed.

9. 7:46pm Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed 3–0

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026 1:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Snowdon, Chairman

William McGahie

Mark Terry