

Westmoreland NH Emergency Management

Minutes - 19 February 2026

Present: Tom Finnegan, Scott Talbot, Mark Terry, Bill Chase

Meeting Opened: 4:03pm

8 January 2026 minutes were approved.

Bill said that he has completed the 1st draft of the rewrite of the 2016 Westmoreland School Shelter Manual. He has sent a copy electronically to Tom, Scott, and Mark. Tom said that he has reviewed it. He recommended that there be stronger emphasis on having the shelter manager track and record all of the expenses in running the shelter. This is particularly important when seeking coverage for the expenses from FEMA.

Tom is still waiting to hear about setting a date for WebEOC training here in Westmoreland.

Scott is recommending the town hire Charley Herr of West Virginia Engineering to do an electric load test on the town hall to see if the Fire Station's 125 kw generator will be adequate to support both the Fire Station and the Town Hall. The cost will be \$1800.

Ice Storm Exercise: Scott says as a result of the exercise, there are things that need to be done. We will need to assign people to these tasks and set a time line.

We will need to create a list of local businesses and then meet with them and encourage them to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to work with the town during a disaster. The businesses will need to understand that FEMA sets the reimbursement policy for disaster expenses.

Mark suggested that we set up a Starlink learning exercise. Scott says the Starlink antenna set-up will be completed by June. We will aim to have training on the equipment in June.

Mark has obtained copies of pre-drafted public affairs statements which can be released to the community in anticipation of a major catastrophic event.

Next meeting: Thursday, 5 March 2026 at 4pm. Meeting ended at 4:55pm Bill Chase