

# Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday July 16, 2024

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by John Snowdon.
2. Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2024. Motion was made by Mark Terry, seconded by Bill McGahie to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests:
  - A. Daniel Lafleur - Mt Gilboa Road
    - Increase in traffic and speeding on Mt Gilboa. Delivery and service trucks as well as passenger cars traveling 45 mph at times on a narrow road.
    - No speed limit signs posted and no school zone signs for Pioneer School. Signs rely on drivers being attentive and respectful, but knowing the speed limit is a start.
    - Speed Humps could be used seasonally to slow traffic. Could use humps on South Village as a pilot program to see if it helps with speeding issues.
    - Selectmen realize speeding in town is a growing issue, but without a police force it is difficult to manage. They agree that although speed on rural roads is typically 35 mph, all roads in town should have speed limits posted. Selectmen are not opposed to trying speed humps in high traffic areas, but agree that cost and labor would outweigh benefit if installed on all roads. Snowdon suggested researching the cost for “Your Speed Is” radar signs and potentially finding grant money to help offset the cost of placing some.
  - B. Laurie Burt - Zoning Administrator
    - New building being built at Bake Stand. No permits have been obtained. The Planning Board gave them a conditional Site Plan which does not include a new building.
    - According to DRA a building/structure is accessible if attached/not portable. Ordinances require a building permit for structures.
    - Burt and McGahie to talk to property owners to see why building without permit and without regard to conditional site plan.
    - A better name is needed for the position of Zoning Administrator. Name does not define duties enough. Town Administrator to see what other towns are using to see if there is something more fitting.
4. Old Business
  - A. Bump Road - At the July 2nd meeting a motion was made and all Selectmen agreed to allow property owner, Scott Fifield, an extension to October 31, 2024 for his tenant to vacate the trailer on his property and to become compliant with Town Ordinances. Extension was granted, provided all health officer conditions were met. Scott Talbot was sent a picture of an installed port-a-potty and the dismantled outhouse. Talbot will schedule a future visit to close his case as health officer.
  - B. Thompson Road - Town attorney has not yet reviewed information given to him by Scott Talbot. Septic at residence has proven to be causing harm to abutters and Talbot working with the Town’s attorney to remove the resident. Deeding notice has also been

sent for taxes unpaid since 2021. Property to be deeded August 13th if unpaid. If this occurs the Town will need to address the septic issue.

C. Radio Tower - Only one of the companies who supply material for the tower responded with a bid and they were contracted. Two declined. Construction of the tower will begin as soon as materials are in.

5. 7:07pm Motion by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:A:3II(c). Motion passed 3-0.

6. 7:45pm Motion by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Motion passed 3-0

7. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to approve Manifests for: General Fund \$49,284.46 Fire Station \$219.00 Motion passed 3-0.

8. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Payroll 7/9/2024	Citgo \$125.00	General Journal Entries
Payroll Taxes 7/11/2024	Invoice Cloud \$61.60	#864 - Bond Payment
NHMBB \$230,014.15	USPS \$179.66	#865 - Transfer from Broadband Acct.
Eversource \$395.85	Amazon \$249.76	#866 - Timber Tax
Staples \$76.40	PayPal \$58.06	#867 - CR Fire Equipment
		#868 - Restitution

A. Employee Personnel Policies and Procedure Manual - Selectmen to review vacation and sick time section and other sections that may need to be updated.

B. Library Classes - Terry talked to library director, Sarah Dupeyron, about hosting classes for people to learn more about using phones and computers. Library will host, but will need to find volunteer(s) to teach. Terry to reach out to town residents and possibly Keene State to see if they may have someone.

C. Emergency Operations Center - Mark Terry to work with the EOC Committee to help update Westmoreland's plan, develop training, and plan drills to exercise it. Mailing to be sent by committee to town to see what people have for resources that they could volunteer if needed. Committee may need assistance entering data. Administrative Assistant will help if needed.

9. Correspondence: Community Power Rates (attached)  
Executive Council Meeting.

10. 8:32pm Motion by John Snowdon, seconded by Mark Terry to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:5X1. Motion passed 3-0.

11. 8:43pm Motion by Mark Terry, seconded by John Snowdon to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Motion passed 3-0

12. Meeting Adjourned 8:44pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Scanlan  
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY AUGUST 8, 2024 1:00PM  
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED  
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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John Snowdon, Chairman

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William McGahie

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Mark Terry



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- Franconia | Gifford | Hopkinton
- Lee | Lyme | Mason | Randolph
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- Canaan | Dalton | Hollis
- Newport | Shelburne
- Springfield | Stratford

2023

Spring 2024

Fall 2024

Planning

**LAUNCH TIMING**

Information current as of July 1, 2024.

**Westmoreland Community Power – Fall 2024  
Competitive Rates & Energy Options**

Electricity Supply Rates for Residential, General Service, & Outdoor Lighting Customers  
Effective August 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025

Power Options		Renewable Content +	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost per Month*
Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire	Clean 100	100%	12.0 ¢	~ \$78
	Clean 50	50%	10.0 ¢	~ \$65
	Granite Plus	33%	9.3 ¢	~ \$60
	Granite Basic (default power option)	24.3%+	8.6 ¢	~ \$56
Utility Default Supply Rates	Liberty		10.976 ¢	~ \$71
	Unitil		10.506 ¢	~ \$68
	Eversource	24.3%+	10.403 ¢	~ \$68
	NH Electric Co-op		8.648 ¢	~ \$56

+ Minimum content compliant with RSA 362-F – Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Total renewable content includes the NH RPS, set to increase to 25.2% in 2025, prior to NH Dept. of Energy reductions.

\*Based on avg. residential usage of 650 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month.

Check out our community's webpage at [www.CommunityPowerNH.gov](http://www.CommunityPowerNH.gov)/westmoreland for details specific to our program and commercial rates or call us at 1-866-603-POWR (7697).