

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2015

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, Burton Hinton and David Stevens, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Steve Davenport, Road Foreman, Kristen Olbrys, Auditor, Chris Evans and Gerald Saindon, Listers, Larry Phipps, Transfer Station Supervisor, Vince and Louisa Dotoli, and Peter and Peg Hyslop.

Bill called the meeting to order at 5:35.

Greg explained that \$6,500 was added to the Local Match line item to cover a FEMA Grant match that Steve had said he planned on. Steve said there would be no match for that grant. Greg removed the \$6,500.

Greg asked Steve if items such as tires, chains and plow blades lasted longer than five years. If not, they should not come out of the Equipment Fund, they should be charged to Highway Maintenance. Steve did not want to increase the Highway Budget. He said he could make it work.

Kristen explained that she would not seek election as the Town Auditor. The Board said they could hire an independent CPA to do the job. Nathan Hawley, of Hawley and Pace, told the Selectboard earlier the cost of having this done would be approximately \$3,500. The Board thought that the \$3,350 in the Town Auditor budget would cover this.

Burton moved and David seconded to approve and sign the Warning with the addition of an Article asking the Town to approve an independent auditor. Passed.

Chris presented a "Certificate of No Appeals Pending".

Burton moved and David seconded to accept the Certificate. Passed.

Bill moved and Burton seconded to add Excess Weight Permits for Gosselins, GWW and Newport Sand & Gravel, A Jim Myers letter regarding Long Pond maintenance and a request from the Rutland Selectboard. Passed.

At Steve's request, Bill moved and David seconded to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter at 6:00. Passed.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:19. No action was taken.

David moved and Burton seconded to table action on "Certificate of Highway Miles". Passed.

Burton moved and Bill seconded to approve the Jan 12th and Jan 15th_Budget Minutes. Passed.

Louisa reported that the Public Service Department might ask the Public Service Board to hire an "Expert" to look into the aesthetics issue of the VTel/Lacross tower.

There were no Health issues.

Peter Hyslop explained his findings on Frog Hollow Ln. He submitted a synopsis of his findings. He agreed to draw up a clean map to be used to explain his findings. The Town will review the situation with their attorney to see what their options are.

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Kristen showed the Board a page explaining the new Trash/Recycling rules and schedule to be put into the annual report. She will add "Details are subject to change" since no one knows how this will pan out.

Greg showed the Board a Landfill Custodial Care application to the state for reduced testing written by engineer Roland Luxenberg.

David moved and Burton seconded to authorize the Chair to sign it. Passed.

Bill presented a letter from the Rutland Selectboard asking the Board to sign a resolution to give towns more input on renewable energy projects with the Public Service Board.

David so moved, seconded by Burton. Passed.

Burton moved and David seconded to authorize Bill to sign Excess Weight Permits for Gosselins, GWW and Newport Sand & Gravel. Passed.

Burton moved and David seconded to authorize Greg to sign the 2015 Milfoil Grant Application. Passed.

Greg presented a letter to the Board from Jim Myers criticizing the Long Pond Rd maintenance.

Louisa said that people are getting up the road ok.

Vince said there is no problem with broken trees.

There was no action taken at this time.

Burton moved and David seconded to approve Select Orders and Payroll #2. Passed.

The Board reviewed Correspondence.

Burton moved and David seconded to adjourn at 8:20. Passed.

Signed by,

Greg Gallagher
Westmore Town Clerk

Bill Perkins (Chair)

David Stevens

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