

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Feb 24, 2014

In attendance: David Stevens, Chair, Burton Hinton and Bill Perkins, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Chris Evans and Kristen Olbrys, Listers, Vince and Louisa Dotoli, and Gerald Saindon.

David called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Burton moved and David seconded to add the following to the agenda:

- DRAFT Minutes for the Chronicle
- FEMA-Ice Storm
- Waste District
- Annual Highway Meeting

Passed.

Bill moved and Burton seconded to approve the corrected Jan 30th Minutes. Passed.

Bill moved and Burton seconded to approve the Feb. 10th Minutes. Passed.

Chris reviewed a State letter about the Redetermination of the Grand List.

Steve was going to review a FEMA/Ice damage program, but was unable to make it. Greg said he would be meeting with Steve to see if it is worth pursuing.

The Board will set up the Annual Highway Meeting for sometime the first week in April. David will contact Chris Emmons, VTrans.

David reported that he had met with Paul Tomasi, NEKWMD, about the ice and difficult access for them to remove the recyclables. It is currently very icy which also makes it dangerous.

Burton moved and Bill seconded to move the recycling upstairs until the ice is gone. Passed. Burton will call Steve and get him together with Paul to move the stuff upstairs.

A request from the Chronicle was discussed. They were asking for an email of the Minutes before they were approved. The Board and others in attendance did not think that was a good idea. There could be errors in the Minutes which could result in further problems. Greg said the "DRAFT" Minutes are available at the office within the five day limit for anyone to see.

Burton moved and Bill seconded to deny The Chronicles request for emailed Minutes before they are approved by the Selectboard. Passed.

Bill moved and Burton seconded to approve Select Orders and Payroll #4. Passed.

The question of waiting for adopting the Ordinances until Town Meeting came up. Greg said that the "Petition" period would run past March 17th, so there would be time for anyone to petition against the ordinances after Town Meeting.

Greg was asked to request Chief Deputy Phil Brown to represent the Sheriff's Department at Town Meeting. He was involved in helping update the ordinances.

Bill moved and Burton seconded to authorize the Town Clerk to handle Delinquent Taxes. Passed.

The Board reviewed a letter from Brittney Wilson, VT Dept. of Libraries, asking the Selectboard to approve the name of "Mud Pond" (aka Negro Pond, Nigger Pond, and Taylor Pond). There was some

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thought that there could be 911 confusion with another "Mud Pond" in Westmore. Louisa stated that there should be no confusion since this Mud Pond would have no 911 addresses. She will draft a response for the Selectboard.

Greg presented a letter he received claiming to be representing the Portland-Montreal Pipeline. There was no return address on the envelope or letter. It was not on company or any other letterhead. And it was not signed. The author requested it be read at Town Meeting when Article 19 is discussed. Vince, the Town Moderator said it should not be read. The Board agreed.

David moved and Burton seconded to go into Executive Session with Chris Evans at 8:00 on a personnel issue. Passed.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:15. No Action was taken.
David moved and Burton seconded to adjourn at 8:16. Passed.

Signed by,

Greg Gallagher
Westmore Town Clerk

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Bill Perkins

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