

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Aug 25, 2014

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, Burton Hinton and David Stevens, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Steve Davenport, Road Foreman, Mariam Simonds, Gerald Saindon, Vince and Louisa Dotoli, Paul and Cathy Wasklewicz, Bruce Wheeler, Norm Patenaude, Pike Industries, Diane Lehder, Julie Mountain, Randi Pickle, Connie Lindalh, Larry Phipps and Jim Morin

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:02.

David moved and Bill seconded to add the following to the Agenda:

- July 28th Minutes
- Auditor vacancies
- Outside Auditors report

Passed.

Norm Patenaude, Pike, gave a proposal to repair Cooks RD for \$15,000.
The Board will check with several people about this technique.

Rich Lewis gave an update on the re-appraisal. The “Book” should go out to taxpayers the end of May, 2014. Taxpayers will then have fourteen days to file for an appeal.

Jim Morin Connie Lindalh and Larry Phipps came in to discuss the new recycling law. Larry showed a sample bag of what they get at the transfer station. It had a half full can of dog food, barbeque sauce spilled all over and a bunch of rocks. He said it was brought in to recycle, but he couldn’t do that with this mess. Jim said they couldn’t wait until July, 2015 to decide what to do. They need a plan now. Bill said he had talked with Nick from Myers. He has some no-sort recycling ideas. Diane Lehder said it would be very difficult with rental properties.

Diane asked about the cell balloon test.

Louisa said the state had banned Municipalities from having Cell Tower Ordinances. There has been no application filled for this tower. It is a question of whether this would come under Act 250 or the Public Service Board. Louisa asked when she could start spending on legal fees for this issue.

Burton moved and David seconded to authorize Louisa to seek legal counsel on the cell tower proposal.
Passed.

Diane commented on a “Notice of Draft Bottom Barriers Permit” which she thought was very good. She asked, is this a test? Have we done this before? Gerald and the board explained that we currently have bottom barriers at the boat launch. AE Divers have identified other areas in hard packed gravel where barriers would be good to use. AE are supplying and installing the barriers.

Louisa brought in an updated resignation from Peter Berteletti. This included both Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Burton moved and David seconded to accept Peter’s resignation, with regret. Passed.

Burton has had some correspondence with Garrett Baxter, VLCT, regarding hiring a CPA or local Auditors. An ad for the Auditor(s) position should be posted ASAP.

Burton moved and David seconded to have Greg post ads for the Auditor(s) position. Passed.

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Bruce asked to make a few comments.

1. Keep extra money for the Sheriff for enforcement.
2. Prior concern about safety between Kimball's and the Boat Launch from speeding vehicles. This area has the heaviest foot traffic he has ever seen.
3. The Sheriff has said that if the Town has the proper ordinance, they will get a portion of speeding ticket fines. Bruce will check with the sheriff to see what is needed.

He also said that the speed indicator signs would help.

Greg said the Lions Horse Shoe Tournament was picked up very well. Bruce agreed.

Gerald said the speed enforcement has resulted in less racing from Robins Roost to the Beach.

David moved and Bill seconded to approve the July 28th Minutes. Passed. (Burton was not there.)

Burton moved and David seconded to approve the Aug 11th Minutes. Passed. (Bill was not there.)

Burton moved and David seconded to approve Select Orders and Payroll #17. Passed.

Correspondence was reviewed.

The Board asked Greg to reply to Patricia Harvey's e-mail asking what was next to be done regarding the abandoned Dunbar trailer which sits on her property by saying the Town has been advised NOT to take possession of the property and it is up to her what they should do with it.

Bill moved and Burton seconded to adjourn at 9:18. Passed.

Signed by,

Greg Gallagher
Westmore Town Clerk

Bill Perkins (Chair)

David Stevens

Burton Hinton