

Town of Westmore  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Sept. 22, 2014

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, Burton Hinton and David Stevens, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Nathan Hawley, Pace & Hawley, CPA, Chris Evans, Gerald Saindon, Bruce Wheeler, Mariam Simonds, Paul and Cathi Wasklewicz, Wayne and Nan French.

Bill called the meeting to order at 5:00.

David moved and Bill seconded to accept Wayne French and Set Board of Abatement Date to the Agenda. Passed.

Nathan Hawley was present to explain and answer questions on his recent Audit of the Westmore Financial Statements for year ending December 31, 2013.

Mr. Hawley explained that there was not a complete Capital Assets list. This could be difficult to do since things like buildings go back for a long time and those records are not available.

As far as "Internal Controls" there were no "Material Weaknesses".

He did comment on a lack of control over Tipping Fees. David commented that the few small payments that did not get a receipt would take more time to monitor that it would be worth it.

When asked what other towns do in place of local auditors Mr. Hawley replied that some have annual audits. Some have reviews which are less expensive.

Mr. Hawley explained that most Selectboards do not have check signing authority. They approve all payments through the Warrant process. He suggested Michele, as Assistant Treasurer, could sign checks in Greg's absence.

Burton moved and David seconded to remove Selectboard names from signing checks and add Michele Labounty, Assistant Treasurer, as a check signer. Passed.

The Board thanked Mr. Hawley for coming.

Steve and Greg explained various Better Back Roads (BBR) and FEMA Grants.

David moved and Burton seconded to sign BBR Grant A (Road Inventory). Passed.

Burton moved and David seconded to sign BBR B. Passed.

David moved and Burton seconded to authorize the Chair to sign FEMA Grant and have Steve initial the attachment section. Passed.

Burton moved and David seconded to approve the FEMA Ice storm Grant # 4163. Passed.

Bruce gave an update on information about Speed Indicators. He suggested holding the decision until Town Meeting. He also said the State was working on a program where towns could rent them from the state. This would resolve problems of towns having to do maintenance on them.

Steve explained that he and Bill met with Ray Lanier, Carroll Guitar and Gary Seslar and after with Ann Duggan on the condition of Old Cottage Lane. Steve will meet with Shane, VTrans, and go over the issues.

Steve asked what he should do with the Transfer Station ice problem that will happen again this winter. There were several suggestions. Steve will price them out.

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Wayne and Nan French spoke to the Board about book shelves that were made with the ECC Youth Fund money. They were taken out of the Municipal Office when it was renovated and stored in Wayne's garage. Wayne said the church would take them.

Burton moved and David seconded to give them to Wayne and he could do with them as he wants. Passed.

Chris Evans presented a corrected E&O.

David moved and Burton seconded to approve the corrected E&O for John Peige, ID # 250-5659 for a taxable difference of \$117.00 on the 2014 "As Billed Grand List". Passed.

Greg presented a proposal from Roland Luxenberg, Aquaterra, to prepare and submit a "Post Closure Care" application for the Landfill to the state.

Burton moved and David seconded to accept the proposal from Aquaterra not to exceed \$2,000. Passed.

Bill would like to have a fact Finding meeting on the States new Trash and Recycling laws on Oct 1 at 6 PM. Greg will put an ad in the paper asking interested residents to attend.

David moved and Bill seconded to approve the Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Passed.

Burton moved and Bill seconded to approve Select Orders and Payroll #19. Passed.

The Board set 5:30 on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> for a Board of Abatement Hearing.

David moved and Burton seconded to adjourn at 7:41. Passed.

Signed by,

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Greg Gallagher  
Westmore Town Clerk

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