

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Jan 23, 2017

In attendance: Burton Hinton, Chair, Bill Perkins and David Stevens, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Chris Evans and Maree Bushey, Listers, Elizabeth Trail, The Chronicle, Beverly Decker, Jim Town, Vince and Louisa Dotoli, Ray Rodrigue, Orleans Snowstormers, Peter and Gail Berteletti, Pam Kennedy, Jim Myers, Corey Caya, Robert Myers, Jacob Myers, Ravi Bidichandani, Louis Bushey, Forest Parks and Recreation, and Miriam Simonds.

Burton called the meeting to order at 6:01.

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

- Town Meeting Warning
- Bid Opening
- Milfoil Application
- Excess Weight Permits
Newport Sand & Gravel
Gosselin Water Works
RG Gosselin
Passed.

Lou Bushey presented an update on the State's plans for developing the South end of the lake. There will be off street parking to replace the parking along the side of VT RT 5A. There will also be a permanent bathroom designed for Men and Women. Trails will be upgraded and made handicap accessible where possible. A vendor or staff from Crystal Lake will maintain the area.

Louisa asked about lighting. Lou said there would be no new lighting.

Beverly asked about public input. Lou replied that there have already been two meetings, but there will be more.

The development is hoped to be done this year.

The Jim Myers family spoke to the Board about opening Long Pond Road to snow machines. The unplowed portion is needed to gain access to the VAST trail system and the lower portion of the road is needed to access gas and supplies from the Willoughby Lake Store. If permission is granted to use the road, VAST will name Westmore as Additional Insured on their \$4 million liability insurance. The Board could set the time and speed limit. They stated that there would not be a lot of traffic since it is not a thru road, only going to the store. They added that this would help the store, "Big Time".

The Meyers said they would help make signs and regulate this use.

Jim Town said he would certainly welcome the business. Winter is a slow time for the store. He mentioned that VLCT's concern was the liability insurance and this seems to be covered by VAST.

Bill Perkins said he wants to talk to Steve, the Road Foreman. The issue will be on the next Agenda. Myers would like to be included on any inspection of the road for safety.

Jim Myers also stated that a lot of trees should be cut along Long Pond Road. Trees fall down across the lines on almost every storm causing power outages.

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The ‘DRAFT’ Town Meeting Warning was reviewed. Burton said there were some interested in running for Town Clerk, but a one year term could discourage them. Louisa asked if the term should be the remaining two years of Greg’s term. Greg will check with VLCT.
David moved and Bill seconded to approve the Warning subject to VLCT’s advice on the remaining two years of Greg’s term. Passed.

On Louisa’s request, Bill moved and David seconded to re-appoint Bob Kennedy to the Planning and Zoning Commission for four years. Passed.

Greg explained that the Milfoil Grant application is coming due and unless someone else wants to do it he should be authorized.

Bill moved and Davis seconded to authorize Greg to submit the Milfoil Grant Application with up to \$25,000 Town funds and the Greeter portion the same as last year (2016). Passed.

David moved and Bill seconded to approve excess weight permits for Newport Sand & Gravel, Gosselin Water Works and RG Gosselin passed.

Greg presented the NEKWMD Warning and Budget for their review.

Bids(8) for the Hinton Hill Box Culvert were opened.

Darrell Mathews	\$166,100
Mario Paul	172,800
Ron Fenoff	130,792*
Austin Construction	252,700
RG Gosselin	178,500
Kirk Fenoff	158,700
J.P. Sicard	162,029
Winterset	301,800

Steve will review these with Shane Morin, VTrans before any award is made.

Water testing was discussed although Cindy Rice was not in attendance.

Bill moved and David seconded to have Greg talk with Roland Luxenberg about it. Passed.

Bill moved and David seconded to sign an “Engagement Letter” with Pace & Hawley for the 2016 audit. Passed.

David moved and Bill seconded to approve the Jan 9th Minutes. Passed.

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

David moved and Bill seconded to adjourn at 8:189. Passed.

Signed by,

Greg Gallagher
Westmore Town Clerk

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Bill Perkins