

Town of Westmore  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
April 29, 2015  
Special Meeting on Trash and Recycling

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair and David Stevens, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Paul Tomasi, NEKWMD, Connie Lindalh and Larry Phipps, Transfer Station, Jim Morin, Bruce Wheeler, Miriam Simonds, Elizabeth Train, *The Chronicle*, Lee Anderson, Kristen Olbrys, Betty Blair, Carol Davis, and Chris Evans.

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Paul Tomasi talked about the Universal Recycling Law. Said the cost of garbage bags are supposed to cover direct cost of trash removal. Because Westmore hauls their trash twice, once from curbside to the transfer station and again from the transfer station to the Coventry landfill, the costs are high.

Carol asked what size bags would be used. Paul recommended 30-33 gallon bags which would carry about 25-30 pounds.

David said he calculated an average of yearly trash collected over the last four years is 118 tons. He estimated a need for 7,980 bags per year.

Bill suggested trying \$3 per bag for the first six months and seeing how that works.

Paul said the bags would cost the Town between 17¢-21¢.

Kristen asked if smaller bags could be used since she has nowhere to store the large bags.

The question was raised as to separating or mixing recycling. If residents don't separate their recycling then the Transfer Station attendants have to sort the cans from glass from plastic, etc. This takes a lot of time.

Carol was concerned about vacationers not leaving in time for a 7 am Saturday pickup.

Connie asked if Thursdays would be for ONLY recycling and Saturdays ONLY garbage.

Paul said that syringes and cathedras were not recyclable. Check with the Waste District on how to handle certain things.

The Board will deliberate on these issues at Monday's regular meeting.

David moved and Bill seconded to adjourn at 7:30. Passed.

Signed by,

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Greg Gallagher  
Westmore Town Clerk

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**Bill Perkins (Chair)**

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**David Stevens**

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**Burton Hinton**