

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2017

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, Burton Hinton, and David Stevens, Selectmen, Melissa Zebrowski, Town Clerk, Chris Evans, Lister, Cathi Wasklewicz, Larry Phipps, Miriam Simonds

Bill called the meeting to order at 6pm

Additions to Agenda:

Bill motioned and David seconded to add Darcy-retirement and Larry Phipps to the agenda. Motion passed.

- Darcy retirement – David motioned and Burton seconded to have Bill sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield change form to remove Darcy from the town health insurance plan effective May 31st 2017. Motion passed.
- Larry Phipps
 - Larry requested to have garbage bags, a case of each color as needed, to be sold down at the transfer station. Larry bi-weekly brings in the monies collected for the bags and the Town office keeps track of the inventory that is given to him. After discussion ensued the Selectboard said to give Larry a case of each color and that no tax should be charged.
 - Larry discussed heating the transfer station building and the roof leaks. The Selectboard said it isn't cost effective to heat the transfer station building. Bill visited a few other transfer stations and they don't heat their buildings. However, there is a room that is insulated that used to have an old heater in it, but it is broke leaving that room not heated. There are also various roof leaks. Bill said we will have to look into what repairs need to be done and he will look first to determine if we need to put this out to bid. The first thing to address will be the roof leaks and then we will look into putting another heater in the insulated room.

Road Foreman Report:

Missy presented the Selectboard 2 notice of award letters from VTrans Better Roads. We were awarded \$6880 for TH 30 Old Cottage Lane and \$13,355 for TH 34 Overlook Ln projects for this year.

Discussion ensued about the State & Town agreement. We will wait to sign the agreement until Steve can get more information and the questions posed are answered.

Approval of Minutes:

David motioned and Bill seconded to approve the May 1, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Chris reported that the Listers have completed the spring maintenance of the grand list. Change of appraisal assessments will be mailed out May 31st. On the same day they will lodge the abstract of the grand list. Miriam asked what causes a change of appraisal. Chris indicated various things can cause one but some are a permit application, a fire in which destroys the structure and/or if someone feels there is an error in their assessed value for examples. Property owners have the right to grieve their assessed values.

Review Bills and Sign Select Orders & Payroll #10:

Burton motioned and Bill seconded to approve select orders and payroll #10. Motion passed.

Old or Unfinished business:

ACO Compensation – Burton motioned and David seconded to amend the ACO compensation to be paid \$100/monthly totaling \$1200 annually. Missy will check with other towns and VLCT to see if the ACO will be paid as a 1099 subcontractor or as a town employee.

New Business:

- Westmore Association Trails Grant request – The Westmore Association trails grant was awarded 10% less this year. They are asking for the town to contribute the 10% difference which is \$2089. Discussion ensued. \$1215 was budgeted for the trails fund this year, voted and passed on at Town Meeting. Burton motioned and David seconded to use the \$1215 in the town trails fund to help meet this request. Motion passed.

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- Excess Weight Permit – David motioned and Burton seconded to have Bill sign the excess weight permit for Arnold Withers.
- Bids – Milfoil & Town Municipal Building
 - Town Municipal building – Bids were opened and reviewed. Burton motioned and David seconded to accept the bid from L.A.L Painting LLC for the inside painting of the building including all the windows and frames outside for a total of \$2300. LAL must show proof of insurance and a signature on their bid before any work can begin. Motion passed.
 - Milfoil – Bids were opened and reviewed. Only 1 bid was submitted and was from Chris Seldon of AE Commercial Diving Services. Missy presented the board with an expense report for last year’s milfoil grant. Our grant award this year is \$10,700 less than last year. The financials will need to be reviewed more closely. David would like to see them for the past 3 to 5 years. Missy will get that for the board and will report on what is exactly available for this year. Missy will invite Ray Lanier to the next Selectboard meeting to review the financials with him. Burton will also reach out to Chris Seldon who has bid on this work and who has been previously been awarded. No action taken.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed.

David moved and Bill seconded to adjourn at 7:45. Motion passed.

Signed by,

Melissa S. Zebrowski
Westmore Town Clerk

Bill Perkins (Chair)

David Stevens

Burton Hinton