

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2016

In attendance: Burton Hinton, Chair, Bill Perkins and David Stevens, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Bruce Wheeler, Bradley Van Zile, Ray Lanier, Vince and Louisa Dotoli and Miriam Simonds.

Burton called the meeting to order at 6:00.

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

- Beach pay rate
- Greeter Program update-Ray Lanier
- Garage Energy Audit
- Delinquent Tax Collector letter
- Purchasing Policy

Passed.

No Road Report

Burton said that crushing at Labrecque's will start June 1 with hauling starting June 6. Steve is looking for speed wagons from VTrans.

David moved and Bill seconded to hire David Punt for Beach work. Passed.

David moved and Bill seconded to set the beach work rate at \$12.50 per hour. Passed.

Bill moved and David seconded to approve the May 2nd Minutes. Passed.

David moved and Bill seconded, upon Louisa's recommendation, to re-appoint Andrew Berley as Zoning Administrator for four years retroactive to March, 2016. Passed.

Miriam reported on the May 10th NEKWMD meeting. They are still working on the two charter changes. Some members feel they would be losing control if they give up the Australian Ballot vote on the budget and let the Directors approve the budget.

Greg asked why the Towns' could not just vote on the budget from the floor at Town Meeting instead of having two ballot clerks all day until & 7PM.

Miriam also said that the Per capita assessment should work OK for Westmore.

Bradley asked about the status of the Gap's fence. Burton said he had talked with Barb Lacoss and she did not seem opposed to it. Louisa will check with Andy who was going to talk to her.

David moved and Bill seconded to approve the Gap's Outside Consumption permit subject to prior Planning and Zoning restrictions that Louisa provided. Passed.

Greg showed the Board the Recycling list developed by the Transfer Station staff.

Ray Lanier gave an update on the 2016 Greeter program. All of his Greeters and he will be attending a State training May 18th at Fellowship Hall. He plans on having 939 hours of coverage this year. Greeters will work Thursday thru Sunday and holidays. Ray handed out a brochure to help educate boaters about Willoughby Lake's milfoil problem. The Greeter shack needs minor finishing which will be done by volunteers and material paid by the Westmore Association.

The Board reviewed the July 20, 2015 Energy Audit and how it's recommendations would work with the consideration of a new roof. Bill has looked at the roof with Steve and found that a lot of the moisture is coming from condensation created by the new LP heaters. He felt the insulation and ventilation needs professional review.

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David moved and Burton seconded to have Bill call Efficiency Vermont to see what they can provide on issues of condensation and insulation and ventilation. Passed.

As recommended by Garrett Baxter, VLCT attorney, Greg handed out the VLCT Model Animal Ordinance. David moved and Bill seconded to table action on the Dog Ordinance until the next meeting.

Greg provided letters from the Delinquent Tax Collector (DTC), Ann Parenteau regarding taking some delinquent tax payers to Small Claims Court. The Board would like Greg to ask Ann to the next meeting.

Greg discussed the need to follow the Purchasing Policy more closely. He had questions on the process used to purchase the new roadside mower. Normally there needs to be three bids and an ad placed in the paper. The Board said that Steve had two bids and a third vendor did not have the equipment to bid on.

Bill moved and David seconded to accept CCR's bid of \$15,527.76. The need for an ad in the paper was waived because this is "specialty equipment" and all those who were in that business in our area were contacted. Passed.

David moved and Bill seconded to approve a liquor license renewal for The White Caps. Passed.

Bill moved and David seconded to approve an Excess Weight Permit for Larry Brown's Logging. Passed.

Burton reported that he has reviewed some of the road books with Michele. He said this will take a lot of time.

Bill moved and David seconded to move the next Selectboard Meeting to Tuesday at 5. Passed.

There became a conflict with a School District hearing thought to be at 7 PM May 31st. (The Selectboard meeting was later scheduled for Monday, May 30th at 6 PM.)

David moved and Bill seconded to approve Select Orders and Payroll #10. Passed.

Correspondence was reviewed.

The Board asked Greg to respond to a request to use VT RT 5A for a road race. The Town does not own VT RT 5A, so they cannot grant permission to use it.

Greg presented a letter from Afsar Sultana, DFC, stating that Town Service Officers are no longer needed.

David moved and Bill seconded to adjourn at 7:54. Passed.

Signed by,

Greg Gallagher
Westmore Town Clerk

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