

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, Burton Hinton, David Stevens, Melissa Zebrowski, Town Clerk, Chris Evans, Lister, Maree Bushey, Lister, Diane Lehder, Cathi Wasklewicz, Paul Wasklewicz, Vincent Dotoli, Louisa Dotoli, Miriam Simonds, Bruce Moffat, Kathy Holmes, Ron Holmes, Randi Pickel-Rosenstein, Carol Davis

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Additions to Agenda

- None

Road Foreman Report

- Burton said the bridge on Hinton Hill should be set Friday 7/14/17. Steve saved some of the rocks. Diane Lehder expressed concerns about silt issues over the last few days. Could anything be done? She also asked for safety could there be a light. Burton expressed that the site work being done is according to state specification to minimize issues but that the bridge will be set Friday which should help with the silt issues. He also mentioned the project had to have an engineer draw up a plan and be approved by the state.
- Burton mentioned they no longer use the sicklebar mower. He is going to talk with Steve about putting it up for bid. We will discuss at the next Selectboard meeting to see what decision has been made.

Approval of Minutes

- Burton moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2017. David seconded. Passed.

Committee reports and/or reports from Listers, Planning & Zoning etc.

- Louisa said the Planning Commission met with FPR Lou Bushey on July 6th at the South end to do a site visit. There is an updated conceptual plan at the Town Clerk's office. FPR still needs to get permits and they have to go back to the grantor because some of the conditions of the grant don't meet the grant requirements. The planning commission still has concerns whether there might be more clearing than being depicted. There are still concerns about where the parking should be. There are also worries about what might happen in the future with the sanitary facilities. The use of the West beach going to the same bathroom is of concern also. FPR, Lou Bushey, won't be filing for a conditional use permit until plans are finalized.
- Randi brought up that while we are concerned about the South end we should be also be concerned about other areas of Lake Willoughby. She cited examples of people installing kayak stands, cutting trees and putting up permanent flag poles on the shoreline. She showed pictures of some properties and wondered why zoning isn't getting out more to see what is going on. She expressed we need to be careful and take care of the entire lake. Louisa suggested that if someone has concerns regarding zoning matters to send a request to the zoning board of adjustment to bring your concern to their attention. Randi also mentioned the crosswalk suggestion at the North Beach area she made some time ago. Burton commented that our attorney advised against installing a crosswalk at the North Beach because it could increase our risk of liability should something happen.
- Carol Davis said a lot of new people have moved into the area and don't understand how the zoning works in Westmore. Chris said with every property transfer she sends out informational material and includes zoning as part of it. Diane and others suggested sending out a "Welcome to Westmore" packet that has helpful information in it. The board doesn't send anything because our lawyer has advised against it, but said if someone else wanted to that that is fine. They suggested including a disclaimer though. Diane said she'd be more than happy to work on this with others.

Review of bills and sign Select Orders & Payroll #12

- Burton moved and David seconded to approve Selectboard orders and payroll #14. Passed

New Business

- Transfer Station – Recycling discussion ensued about the complaints we've been getting. Missy presented a letter from Renee at Mountain Lake Cottages. Burton read the letter out loud. Many people expressed how difficult and confusing it has been recently. Jim has been leaving recycle bags at curbside if he sees things that aren't recyclable at curbside as advised and supported by the Selectboard from the June 26, 2017 meeting. Maree commented that she feels this is working and fixing the issue because when he leaves it, she looks and realizes what shouldn't be in

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there for next time. Burton said he was open to suggestions on how to fix this because it is very frustrating. Bill called around for prices for zero sort. It was decided to invite Paul Tomasi along with Jim and Larry to our next Selectboard meeting to discuss options.

- Miriam was asked at the last Selectboard to look into the town itself handling composting. Below is what she found out.

Essentially 3 things would be needed: 1) infrastructure including site/location and equipment, i.e. excavator, bucket tractor, and wood chipper; 2) compost management plan; 3) operator who would manage set up and operations.

The WMD provided a copy of a compost management plan developed by the town of Brighton in 2015 (never implemented) but the details remain pertinent, particularly siting of the facility, to what we might consider. A review of the VT ANR solid waste management rules, subchapter 11, Organics Management, provides that any facility producing less than 100 cu. yards of organic material per year is exempt from registration and regulation. That's about 2 cu. yards per week. We would fall in the category of a small composting facility.

Assistance with making this happen would be available from our WMD and Ben at the state Waste Management Division. But the key would be an operator/manager willing to set up and manage operations. Perhaps the Westmore Association could help identify a local resident willing to take on the task. If such an individual were to be found, making our own compost wouldn't be too difficult and rather straight forward.

- Excess Weight Permit – David moved and Burton seconded to sign the excess weight permit for Larry M. Brown Logging & Chipping
- Pace & Hawley audi – Missy presented the draft auditor report. The Selectboard would like Missy to read this first and then them.
- Delinquent Tax Collector request – Burton moved and David seconded to authorize the \$50 check for a State Marshal in CT to hand deliver documents to a delinquent taxpayer. Motion passed.
- State Tax rate – Missy presented the 2018 State Education tax Rate. The non-resident rate for 2018 is 1.4706 and the resident tax rate is 1.2103

David moved and Bill seconded to adjourn at 8:25pm. Passed.

Signed by,

Melissa S. Zebrowski
Westmore Town Clerk

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