

Town of Westmore  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2016

In attendance: Burton Hinton, Chair, Bill Perkins and David Stevens, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Miriam Simonds, Deb Smith, Phyllis Parrott, Sam Peters, Carroll Avery, Vince and Louisa Dotoli, Paul Wasklewicz and Howland Swift.

Burton called the meeting to order at 6:02.

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

- Jobs Pond Bridge Bids
- Mallery vs. Westmore decision
- Education Tax rate

Passed.

The Board opened Job's Pond Bridge bids (7)

- Mathews Excavating--\$9,612 with a \$972 add on
- P & L Riendeau, Inc--- 8,550
- Dale E. Percy, Inc.-----13,460
- Peter's General Contracting, Inc. 15,300
- RG Gosselin-----13,500
- Griffin & Griffin-----16,962
- J.P. Sicard, Inc.-----24,707

The Board deferred making a decision until VTrans can review the bids.

Phyllis asked that access to her property be considered. She also asked to be involved in any tree cutting decisions.

David moved and Bill seconded to accept the June 27<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Passed.

Greg reported that the appeal of the Mallery's assessed value was found to be in favor of the Town. The Pernokas decision has not been made.

The Board reviewed the State Education tax rates for Westmore.

There were no Planning and Zoning issues.

There were no Health issues.

Miriam gave a report of the last NEKWMD meeting. There will be a one day Attendant training on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Lyndonville. E-waste will now need some sorting.

Larry will be asked to attend the next meeting.

Connie said there is a problem with a raccoon getting into the compactor.

She also said the compactor needs servicing.

Bill moved and David seconded to ask Clayton to look at it. Passed.

Phyllis Parrott asked to discuss her fire coverage. She stated that Newark might not respond to her needs for fire protection. She stated that Westmore Fire & Rescue does not go to the Mutual Aid meetings. She

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feels that Westmore should appropriate funds for Newark's fire department. She suggested taking some from WF&R to give to Newark.

Bill said that would be an issue for Town Meeting.

The Board agreed that the "Tree Management" report by Jason Benoit should be a guide for Steve.

After Greg explained the "Contractor" and "Employee" checklists, David moved and Burton seconded to use the checklists before hiring new employees and contractors. Passed.

Bill moved and David seconded to authorize Burton to sign the "Management" letter prepared by Pace & Hawley. Also, Greg was authorized to respond to the two "Findings" as follows:

2015-001-The Board feels that controls over cash at the Transfer Station are adequate and any risk of misappropriation of cash is insignificant.

2015-002-The segregation of duties is difficult with only two people in the Clerk's office, and the Selectboard are now reviewing check numbers prior to approving Select Orders and Payroll. Passed.

The Board discussed a request to allow paddleboard lessons on the North Beach.

Bill moved and David seconded that due to liability concerns, the request is denied. Passed.

The Selectboard discussed requests from Phil White to use the North Beach for a Triathlon and a Swim Event. David moved and Burton seconded to authorize Greg to reply to the request saying "No permission is necessary as long as the Beach Ordinance is followed." Passed.

The board signed off on the "Check numbers List."

David moved and Bill seconded to approve Select Orders and Payroll #14. Passed.

David moved and Bill seconded to adjourn at 8:14. Passed.

Signed by,

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Greg Gallagher  
Westmore Town Clerk

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**David Stevens**

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**Bill Perkins**