

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Aug. 24, 2015

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, Burton Hinton and David Stevens, Selectmen, Greg Gallagher, Town Clerk, Kathy Holmes, Renee Leveille, Pam Moffat, Bruce Tanner, Gerald Saindon, Chris Evans, Ellen Bowen EAP, Mariam Simonds, Ann Parenteau, Wayne Lafleur, Blachard's, Steve Davenport, Cathi Wasklewicz, Chris Sheldon, AE Divers and Vince and Louisa Dotoli.

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Burton moved and David seconded add Curb Cut for Guyers, Beach and Delinquent Tax Collector to the agenda. Passed.

Wayne Lefleur presented a proposal for new heaters for the Town Garage for \$7,292.45. This would be for a "non-condensing" system. The LP for the Town, Fire Department and State would be metered separately.

David said the Energy Report said there was a lot of work to be done to make the building energy efficient. The energy auditors estimate those repairs to cost \$51,685.

Bill asked for an updated LP price.

David said the Municipal Building has some rot and loose, chipping paint. The building needs to be inspected before taking any action.

A curb cut application for Guyers was discussed. Kathy Holmes said they were parking on the side of the road making it dangerous. Steve said he would lend them some cones.

Bill was concerned about granting a curb cut permit because it was close to wetlands.

David moved and Bill seconded for Bill and Burton to inspect the curb cut tomorrow at 9 AM. Passed.

Ellen Bowen representing a program sponsored by VLCT PACIF called Employee Assistance Program (EAP) explained the program. It is available to all employees, full time or part time and elected officials and their households. She handed out material explaining what is available.

Ann Parenteau, newly elected DTC, talked with the board about timing for tax sales and our tax attorney. The Board has agreed that a tax sale will be six months after taxes are due. They also agreed that Sarah Davies Coe is our Town Tax attorney.

The Board asked Greg to have Sarah address the issue of buyer's responsibility for ongoing taxes after their initial purchase at the tax sale.

Chris Evans, Lister, presented four Error & Omissions for the 2015 Grand List.

Burton moved and David seconded to approve the four Error and Omissions dated Aug. 24, 2015. Passed.

Chris Sheldon, AE Divers, presented a Milfoil Report. He stated that there was much less milfoil than in previous years. The Boat Launch had a lot less. The Lake looks good. They have taken out the new bottom barriers. He said they have not found any sizeable beds.

Bruce Tanner said the Lake is cloudier this year, probably due to the heavy rain and runoff.

Burton said the VT State Police were involved in enforcing some Beach violations.

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Greg gave several dog complaints about Boxers/Pit Bulls in the Bald Hill Pond RD area. One complaint was from the Newark Selectboard Chair who said their Town Clerk was getting complaints since this is so close to Newark. Another complaint was from a person walking on the road when two boxers attacked them. The dogs were discouraged by waving a stick at them. Burton will call the Sheriff.

Burton reported on complaints about the flower bed at the intersection of VT RT 5A and Hinton Hill RD. Some of the flowers are too high to be able to see up the road. Greg will contact Art Brooks, Westmore Association.

Marium Simonds reported on a NEKWMD meeting on recycling. The conclusion is that "Zero Sort" recycling is not a feasible option at this time.

David moved and Burton seconded to approve the August 10th Minutes, as amended. Passed.

Bill moved and Burton seconded to approve Select Orders and Payroll #17. Passed.

David moved and Burton seconded to recess the meeting at 8:25 until 9 AM Aug 25th to review a curb cut request on Peene Hill and inspect the Municipal Building exterior paint. Passed.

Present: Bill Perkins, Burton Hinton and Steve Davenport.
Bill re-opened the meeting at 9 AM.

After inspecting the location of the curb cut request, Burton moved and Bill seconded to deny the request until cleared through the Zoning Commission and Water Resources due to the wet land area it would pass through. Passed.

Burton moved and Bill seconded to hire Blanchard Oil to install non-condensing heaters at the Town Garage in accordance with their proposal for \$7,292.45. Passed.

After reviewing the exterior of the Municipal Building, Burton moved and Bill seconded to have Greg place an ad in the Chronicle requesting proposals to scrape and paint the Municipal Building in conformance with the Lead Abatement Laws. Proposals due September 8th. Passed.

The Board asked Greg to write a letter to Seth Hoag, the owner of the Bald Hill Pond dogs being complained about, telling him to license his dogs and keep them on leashes or in secure pens.

Signed by,

Greg Gallagher
Westmore Town Clerk

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David Stevens

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