

Town of Westmore
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2018

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, David Stevens, Peter Hyslop, Melissa Zebrowski, Town Clerk, Clayton Butler, Bea Dunsford, Ron Dunsford, Allan MacDonald, Kyle Lazzaro, Joann Leedy, Bruce Carlson, Mark Hall, Mike Argyelaz, Tim Gray, Brent Lehouiller, Maree Bushey, Joe Russo, Beth Dan, Phyllis Parrott, Burton Hinton, Ken Salzmann

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Additions to Agenda

Bill moved and Peter seconded to add Ken Salzmann to the agenda. Passed.

Road Foreman Report

- The Grants in Aid for this year has been completed. The work was done on Long Pond just above Sterling Lane. Clayton met with Doug Morton from NVDA and Doug approved the work done.
- BBR Grant for Overlook Lane – Alan Poirier, Clayton and Burton will be setting the culvert and stone line ditch this week.
- Clayton will call Hutchins and cancel the paving for this year on both Peene Hill and Cooks Road.
- Sara Damsell will be meeting with Clayton and Missy Thursday to complete the grant application for the road work and sediment pool on Lakeview Road near Adam Lidback’s farm. At that time, they will complete the grant application for assistance with the cost of the culvert inventory that is due in June of 2020.

Local Citizens

Transfer Station

Old Business

- Sara – ANR discuss grant project near Lidback Farm
Bill motioned to sign the agreement that Sara Damsell from Orleans County Conservation District wrote that the Westmore highway department will maintain the sediment pool and that we are okay with this project moving forward. Peter seconded. Passed.

New Business

- Sweet Tree Holdings – Tim Gray presented his plan for the road improvements on the class 3 & 4 sections of the Jobs Pond Camp Road and that the responsibility of the maintenance is on Sweet Tree. He stated that it would be a 5000 gallon tanker hauling sap once a day. There will also be propane delivered to the generators that will be located in this area. David said that he would like to assess the road first.
 - Phyllis Parrott expressed that she believes the road is not a town road, but a road she owns based on the deed records. Discussion occurred. David said that in order to move forward with approving an overweight permit for access to this road this will need to be resolved. The board decided they will contact our town attorney Jim Barlow to assist us in determining who in fact owns the road.
 - Phyllis expressed her concerns regarding this project and how it is affecting her land today, in the future, the impact it will have on the environment, the wildlife, her business, and that there are several comments she has on the wetlands permit Sweet Tree submitted to the state as she feels the permit is incomplete. The board told her that the only thing they have control over is the access of the road.
 - Allan MacDonald was wondering if there will be an assessment of roads before any permit is issued. Burton Hinton said that based on his experience as a previous selectman that this is put into consideration. Burton also expressed that he realizes we don’t all like change but we need to keep an open mind and that this area needs this. Clayton said that it is the responsibility of Sweet Tree to maintain these roads and fix them if the roads are damaged. You can’t always predict when a road is going to fail, but that he assures that if something happens he will address it and work with Sweet Tree.
- Oil/Propane price comparisons
Missy presented the board with the price comparisons she had gotten for all fuel needs for the town. We can save on average, about 14 cents per gallon on off-road diesel, and if we lock in at a fixed rate for propane and oil we see a savings there as well. Missy still had some numbers she was waiting on. David moved and Peter seconded to have Missy move forward with the best pricing we can get and to request these prices in writing before we lock in. Passed.
- Mark Tinker – Orleans Ambulance
Mark Tinker contacted Bill about if we would like Orleans Ambulance to cover all of Westmore considering Barton Ambulance no longer exists. Barton Ambulance used to cover the west side area of Westmore. Bill moved and David seconded to have the Orleans Ambulance cover the entire town of Westmore. Passed.
- Ken Salzmann – Ken reported that the 2 properties on VT Rte 5a that were donated to the town do have good sand. He was able to dig down about 18 inches. He reported they could be building lots but that more research would need to be done to determine the water sources, soils etc. Peter moved and David seconded to have Ken do more research and to work with Clayton on doing a perk test. Clayton would bring our excavator there to assist Ken in doing this. This would help when questions arise at town meeting should the voters allow us to sell the properties. Passed.

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Approval of Minutes

- David moved and Bill seconded to sign the 9/17/18 meeting minutes. Passed.
- Bill moved and Peter seconded to sign the 9/20/18 meeting minutes. Passed.

Review of bills and sign Select Orders & Payroll #20

Peter moved and David seconded to approve select orders & payroll #20. Passed.

Correspondence

Peter moved and David seconded to adjourn at 8:48pm. Passed.

Signed by,

Melissa S. Zebrowski
Westmore Town Clerk

Bill Perkins (Chair)

David Stevens

Peter Hyslop