

Town of Westmore  
Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2018

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In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, David Stevens, Peter Hyslop, Melissa Zebrowski, Town Clerk, Burton Hinton, Bruce Wheeler, Rick Mallary, Miriam Simonds, Christine Evans

Bill called the meeting to order at 10:05am

**Additions to Agenda**

David moved and Bill seconded to add review the status of TH #10 (Jobs Pond Camp Road) with Jim Barlow, our town attorney, Passed.

**Transfer Station**

- Bill stated that it would cost around \$140,000 to have Casella provide trash/recycling pickup services to the Town of Westmore. Rick Mallary asked if the board has considered the option of closing the transfer station all together. Bill said that throughout this summer along with the results of the opinion poll from town meeting and this summer the majority of the people want to continue with trash/recycling pick up and not close the transfer station. Discussion continued about bringing this service in-house and hiring an additional full time employee to do this along with other town duties that we currently contract out. Peter gave a rough estimate for the cost of the employee to be about \$30,250 which includes the fica/medi taxes. This is based on 30 hrs per week for 52 weeks just for the transfer station. This estimate doesn't factor in the other 10 hours for other town duties or employee benefits. Bill motioned in favor of hiring a full time employee and to bring the pickup of trash/recycling in house. David seconded. Passed.

**New Business**

- BBR Grant Application – Lakeview Road Bill motioned and Peter seconded to have Peter sign the Better Back Roads grant for Lakeview Road. Passed.
- BBR Grant Application – MGRP Inventory David motioned and Peter seconded to have Peter sign the Better Back Roads grant for the MGRP Inventory required by the state of Vermont by June of 2020. Passed.
- TH#10 – Jobs Pond Camp Road – The board found that premature general public knowledge of the matter Atty. Barlow would be discussing with the board would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage and voted to go into executive session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Peter motioned to go into executive session regarding TH# 10, seconded by David at 10:18pm. Peter motioned Bill seconded to come out of executive session at 12:03pm. Passed. Bill motioned seconded by Peter to have continue researching TH#10-Jobs Pond Camp Road. Passed.

Bill moved and Peter seconded to adjourn at 12:08pm. Passed.

Signed by,

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Melissa S. Zebrowski  
Westmore Town Clerk