

In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, Peter Hyslop, Melissa Zebrowski, Town Clerk, Clayton Butler, Kathy Holmes, Ron Holmes, Marilyn Prue, Marilyn Martinez, Russell Ingalls, Mark Tinker and Julie Mountain
Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Additions to Agenda

none

Road Foreman Report

- Discussed the highway worker position and its benefit package. Bill will call Jacques Roberge to collect more information about how and what to offer. Will table until more information is available. Applications are due by December 7th, the Selectboard will review them at the December 10th meeting and conduct interviews between December 11th and December 26th.

Transfer Station Report

- Missy presented Jim's letter indicating he is not going to bid for a new contract. Bill motioned and Peter seconded to accept his letter. Passed.
- Transfer station meeting to continue workflow discussion was discussed. It was decided to have a meeting on December 4th to continue this discussion.
- Ron expressed concerns about the transfer station. The board said there are a lot of changes happening in the next month with the transition of Burton taking over and Thea getting done.
- Bill said Miriam indicated the last waste management meeting was cancelled.

Old Business

- Dog ordinance – tabled

New Business

- Orleans Ambulance – Russ Ingalls and Marilyn Prue presented their letter asking for voters to approve a line item in our budget to help cover the cost of ambulance services in our community. All towns they serve are being asked to contribute and it is based on a town's grand list value. The amount requested for Westmore is \$36,022.65. The board expressed their concern about the formula being used and it not being equitable. When asked about the average number of calls Westmore has a 4 year average of 28-30 calls and Irasburg is 96 while Westmore is being asked to pay 11K more. Marilyn Prue indicated that this was the simplest formula they could come up with after discussing with other towns about what they do. Discussion occurred about the area in Westmore they do not cover. They indicated we can reduce the grand list value by this amount and adjust the number or they can work this out with the other ambulance service covering that area. It was decided to have Marilyn Prue talk to Chris about this and reduce the grand list value by this amount. The board reluctantly said they will bring it to the voters, but that there is no guarantee voters will approve this.
- Merchant Services – Missy told the board she has decided to accept debit and credit cards at the office after many requests this summer. The merchant service she is working with is a company through our current banking instruction Community National Bank. At this point it looks like a flat transaction fee of \$1 should cover all costs to have this service, however she is going to watch this closely to make sure. If it does cost more, the transaction fee will be adjusted accordingly.
- Clark's Truck Center Invoice – Missy brought up the invoice that we are challenging and wanted to know the status of this and if she should pay it. The board said to continue holding off on paying this bill.

Local Citizens

- Julie Mountain expressed her idea of the town considering purchasing the house for sale along North Beach as part of a solution to North Beach. It could provide more parking and the house could be used by local businesses for events and such thus bringing in some revenue to the town. She also suggested having a constable at the North Beach during the summer months. Bill said he talked with Daryl Davis and that Millie would be interested in selling or leasing land to help with the overflow parking from the beach area. Kathy Holmes suggested reaching out to Carl Brink who owns property directly next to the north beach about getting a first right of refusal on his property in the event he ever chooses to sell. This could be additional parking as well. Bill said he would call Ned Fauser to inquire and get more information and the board will write a letter to Carl.

Approval of Minutes

- Peter motioned and Bill seconded to approve the meeting minutes from November 13, 2018. Passed

Select Orders & Payroll #24

- Peter motioned and Bill seconded to approve payroll and select orders #24. Passed.

Bill motioned to adjourn at 9:35pm, Peter seconded. Passed.

Signed by,

Melissa S. Zebrowski
Westmore Town Clerk

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