

Town of Westmore  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2018

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In attendance: Bill Perkins, Chair, David Stevens, Peter Hyslop, Melissa Zebrowski, Town Clerk, Clayton Butler, Katherine Busby, Bruce Tanner and Miriam Simonds

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

**Additions to Agenda**

Bill moved and David seconded to add the following to the agenda. Passed.

- Basketball court fence, Financials, Painting of Municipal office, Town Garage roof and Solar Energy.

**Road Foreman Report**

- Clayton reported he spoke with Wayne Lieberum about replacing the culvert that is on Foster's Grove South on the 5A side and making the road more square width wide. David suggested having Wayne sign a release, and to contact the state to check on the right of way and state permit.
- Mary Thetokos Church pit – we haven't heard anything from Steve Matthews about when the Bishop will be here for a meeting. David wants to go as a board when we do meet. Bill will contact Steve Matthews about a date.
- Peene Hill Road – Clayton wants to know if we want to put Peene Hill out to bid. The board agreed to have Clayton do this.
- Fuel – Clayton has contacted various vendors and they have until April 28<sup>th</sup> to submit a bid. Will review at the next SB meeting.
- Roadside mowing – suggested putting all new knives on the mower. Clayton asked if Darcy could do the road side mowing this year. The board agreed. Clayton will order new knives.
- Town Garage roof – Jereme Leblanc looked at the roof with Clayton. Recommended we at least replace the rubbers on the screws. Peter suggested asking Jereme if this will cost more than \$1500 before putting it out to bid. Bill will check with Jereme and the SB will meet at the garage to look things over.

**Transfer Station**

- Miriam gave us an update on the WMD meeting from April 10<sup>th</sup>. Legislative update on bill 285. Glass mandated recycling is still in effect along with the 2020 ban on food residuals.

**Approval of Minutes**

- April 2, 2018 meeting minutes – David moved, Bill seconded to sign the 4/2/18 meeting minutes. Passed.

**Review of bills and sign Select Orders & Payroll #8**

- David moved and Peter seconded to approve select orders & payroll #8. Passed.

**New Business**

- DLC Permits – David moved and Bill seconded to sign the DLC renewals for White Caps Campground. Passed
- Excess Weight Permits – David moved and Peter seconded to have Bill sign the excess weight permits for Oil Supply Corp, A Withers Trucking, Barrett Trucking Co & Larry M Brown Logging & Chipping. Passed.
- Weighing & Measuring Device license – David moved and Peter seconded to have Bill sign the license renewal. Passed.
- Solar Energy – Peter asked if we've ever considered doing solar energy to power our buildings. Discussion ensued. Peter will do further research on this topic.
- Basketball Court – discussion ensued about installing a fence around the basketball court. Bill will call Jim Carrien at VLCT to discuss size and height requirements along with getting costs for the fence.
- Milfoil/Boat Greeter Program – Discussion ensued about the budget for this year's milfoil and greeter program. The state of VT has awarded us \$8457 this year. Our total budget will be around 43K and we spent around 41K last year and harvested for 27 days. Bruce said the Westmore Association will be giving their annual donation of \$5000 towards the boat greeter program. Missy will put the RFP out for the milfoil eradication and based on the bid number we will then decide on the number of days to harvest. Bids will be due by May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Financials – Missy presented the financials thus far. Ann has done a great job collecting delinquent taxes leaving our delinquent tax receivable at about \$42K. Down from \$112K. All other funds are around 22-25% of projected balance. That's good considering we just finished the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and the winter season is almost done. Missy brought up the concern about the homestead rate for this year. In talking with state representatives whom have confirmed with the joint fiscal office we are looking at an approximate 30 cent per 100 tax increase. The homestead rate is anticipated to be \$1.51. If the new education funding bill passes it would reduce this number to \$1.35. The non-residential tax rate is looking at an approximate .07 increase. The increase is due to the equalized per pupil rate increasing, increase in students and not a large fund balance.

David moved and Peter seconded to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Passed.

Signed by,

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Melissa S. Zebrowski, Westmore Town Clerk

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**Bill Perkins (Chair)**

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**David Stevens**

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**Peter Hyslop**