

Town of Westmore

54 Hinton Hill Road

Municipal Building

August 11th 2025

6 PM Select Board Meeting

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Anyone wishing to speak must be signed in and acknowledged by the chair before speaking. You must also identify yourself before speaking. We want to hear from you, but need the understanding that time during meetings is limited thus very important to us as a board making decisions for the town. Please keep comments or statements concise and to the point. Time limits may be set if public comments dominate large portions of time.

In attendance: Peter Hyslop(vice chair) Bill Perkins, Miriam Simonds, Isaiah Casey, Elaine Cashin, Carol Davis, Diane Lehder, Britta Milkes, Eric Perkins, Ethan Swift, Rob Patton, Gunner Nurme, Bruce Moffatt ,Ann Parenteau

In attendance by zoom: Chelsey Cummings, Kimball Johnson, Art Zweil, Maree

Notices:Additions to the agenda:

Bill made a motion to add tin from town garage to agenda, Isaiah seconded. Motion passed.

Gunner Nurme from VermontT Forest and Parks: State is trying to acquire about 550 acres from Alan and Patricia Cole with intent of preserving it for its wildlife and forest trails. 50 acres would be added to Sentinel State Park, another 500 would be adjoining the Westmore State Forest Bald Mountain area. Bill made a motion to sign the Cole land acquisition paper, Isaiah seconded. Motion passed by board members.

Rob Patton Swampguna: Rob came with good and bad news. The good news is the milfoil is very low this year in Willoughby. Bad news is due to a native species of pond weed that is growing out of hand in multiple parts of the lake. He said it is choking the milfoil out but the bad thing is it is at a dangerous point and taking over and is causing boating and water sports issues, and has kind of taken over. Olin from the state may be able to guide us all in the correct directions.

Kimball Johnson said it is growing 4' deep and all the way to shore is hard to maneuver through. Kimball is reaching out to representatives and legislators as Rob said it would need state approval and special permit to harvest. Art asked Rob if he had seen other lakes and ponds around. He said a little but not to the extent Willoughby is seeing.

Rob said hand harvesting would be a wasted time without the vacuum boat. North beach, Crescent beach, boat launch and grey stone are some of the worst infected areas. This is native not invasive but with hot summer dry conditions it is growing like never seen before. Rob has used 11 of his milfoil days up so far. Kimball stated the bottom of pond weed is turning a brown color.

Publish names of delinquent tax payers in annual report:

Annete Parenteau is NOT in agreement of posting the delinquent tax payers in town report. She is doing a lot of hard work and is working with lawyers on a couple cases where been a few years behind.

Peter made a motion to not put the names in the town report. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Limited event permit application Ryan Cole; wedding at Little Farm:

Isaiah made a motion to approve the limited event permit with Ryan Cole from Sept 10th at 11:30 am to Sept. 13th at 1130 pm with the condition of no alcohol to be served after 10 pm. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Over weight permit McElwain Construction:

Miriam motioned to approve the Overweight permit for McElwain construction. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Schedule town meeting to vote on trash and recycle pickup:

It was in question if we needed town meeting for this, the Selectboard reaching out to see if Selectboard can make the decision or if the town needed to vote on it. We will schedule the meeting and if we don't need to, we will cancel the meeting.

Wednesday Oct 1st at 6m town meeting to vote on trash and recycle pick up at Fellowship Hall.

Town highway structures grant:

As \$0 in town grant match account we need money from infrastructure account to be moved to town grant match account then cut check from grant match account.

Isaiah made the motion to have Pete sign the town highway structures grant (BC2394). Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Listers: updated errors and omissions:

Peter made a motion to sign updated errors and omissions, Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Haddock medical coming in on August 25th meeting to meet and give more info. ***Town***

cottage request for funds:

Request for funds to pressure wash paint old cottage exterior. The quote is about a year old.

Board requested new quote for washing and painting town cottage, including lead paint testing.

RAMP liaison needed from select board:

Bill and Isaiah to work with ramp as Liaisons

Prepared by Isaiah Casey August 11, Selectboard Meeting

Fire department add line for washer:

Table fire dept.

Dan wanted to know if he could have the guys fill in work on certain times, work on pressure washing building, painting fascia boards, and wood shed. Ok

Posts on the garage that are missing siding trim, etc. Peter motioned to approve up to \$500 for Pierce construction to repair posts on Garage. Isaiah seconded. Motion passed.

John contacted MERP to see if chimney repair replacement could be covered .

TOWN IS KEEPING OLD ROOFING TIN FOR TOWN USE ON UPCOMING PROJECTS.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE:

Selectboard allowed John to proceed to get interest rates quotes for the next meeting.

Local citizens and public comments:

Correspondence: (all correspondence available for review at Town Clerk's office)

Quarterly loss run

Donation from Northeast Kingdom running camp

Nek broad band

Vermont ANR notice future disposal capacity public meeting

Approval of minutes:

Isaiah made a motion to approve July 28th meeting minutes with corrections, Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Review bills sign select orders and payroll #16

Isaiah made a motion to review and approve bills and sign select orders and payroll #16. Miriam seconded. Motion passed

Executive session:NONE

Bill motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm Mirium seconded. Motion passed.

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_Peter Hyslop(Board Vice Chair

Bill Perkins

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