

Town of Westmore
Feb 13th Special SB Meeting 4PM
Meeting minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Stevens called the Special Select Board Meeting to order on Friday, February 13, 2026, at 4:00 PM. Members present included David Stevens (Chair), Miriam Simonds, Bill Perkins, Isaiah Casey, Dan Sicard , Eric Hackett, and Elaine Cashin (Administration). Maree Bushey (Lister) participated remotely via Zoom.

Additions to the Agenda?

No additions to the agenda were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet Candidate(s) for Transfer Station Position - Proposed Executive Session under 1 VSA 313 (a) (1)(b)

Motion by Bill and seconded by David to enter Executive Session with Eric Hackett present per 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)(b) at 4:05 PM. Motion by David and seconded by Miriam to exit Executive Session at 4:20 PM. Motion passed.

Motion by David Stevens to hire Eric Hackett as part-time Transfer Station Attendant. Seconded by Miriam. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Bill Perkins to approve the compensation terms as \$18.00/hour with a 6-month probationary period, increasing to \$20.00/hour upon successful completion. No benefits are associated with this position. Seconded by Isaiah Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was noted that a second candidate for the position would be scheduled for interview at the next regular Select Board meeting on February 23, at approximately 5:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Wide Reappraisal Bids - Possible Executive Session

Isaiah motioned and Miriam seconded to enter Executive Session per 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)(a) at 4:35 PM. Isaiah motioned and Miriam seconded to exit Executive Session at 4:50PM. Motion Passed.

The Board returned to open session with no formal action taken.

Bushey noted that she remained genuinely undecided between the two firms, as each carried its own merits and drawbacks. She stressed that her primary recommendation was to proceed with the reappraisal sooner rather than later, noting that the Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) had declined from 66.9% to 59.82% in the current

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year, resulting in residents being penalized with higher education taxes. She noted that every year of delay worsens this disparity. The Board discussed the financial implications, noting that the two bids were approximately \$11.18 per parcel apart (roughly \$7,937 total across 710 parcels), which was considered a relatively minor difference compared to the long-term tax equity benefits. Discussion also touched on the statutory requirement for reappraisal every six years going forward, the current state education tax formula and its effect on Westmore's taxpayers, and broader property market trends in the area. The Board agreed it was not prepared to make a decision at this meeting and that members would take copies of both bid documents home to review before the next meeting.

Motion by Bill and seconded by Isaiah to table the decision on the Town Wide Reappraisal Bids pending further review. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:14 PM.

Minutes prepared by Elaine Cashin

David Stevens

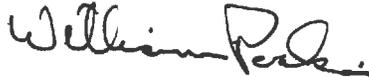


Peter Hyslop

Miriam Simonds



William Perkins



Isaiah Casey

