

Town of Westmore

54 Hinton Hill Road

Municipal Building

June 16th 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 Simmonds, Isaiah Casey, Elain Cashin, Ellie Majchrzak, Kathy Holmes, Russell Curtis, Carol Davis, Donna Dzugas, Diane Lehder

In attendance by zoom: Maree Bushy

The 5:30 meeting at Donna Dzugas was postponed till the next board meeting 6/30/25 at 5:30 pm.

Peter opened meeting @ 6pm

Additions to the agenda:

Isaiah made a motion to add paving to firm up areas on Peene Hill as paving soon. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Vermont Emergency Management sub grant for FEMA funding: signature needed.

Russell Curtis was here to answer some questions on the FEMA paperwork before signature, Miriam had asked how many areas this covered, Russell said about 6 to 7 parts. Russell said it's about a \$58,067 dollar reimbursement from FEMA (submitted \$77,000) for work that was completed after 2024 storms. He said the state has gotten money from feds now-once signed state will distribute to towns. Miriam concerned where the money should go and will go. Russell and others said the money it should replace is where the money came from like the gravel and sand accounts as that's where the money came from to fix the roads during storm. In addition to the FEMA money the state kicks in about 7% which is about \$5,700-\$5,800. Peter made a motion to have David review and meet with Russell prior to David signing the FEMA paperwork. Isaiah seconded. Motion passed.

correction

Donna Dzugas had asked about if the figures were in the FEMA paperwork of how much was directly spent on Goodwin Mountain Lane. She was told John would have all that paperwork, but it is in the office.

Operating fee of \$100.00 for Westmore Water Works:

Isaiah motioned to approve the fee of \$100.00 for Westmore Water Works. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Department of Taxes Notice to Towns Required to Reappraise:

Maree Bushey wants input from the Selectboard on RFP before it gets approval, it will take 3-4 years before completed. Isaiah motioned to sign the paper from the department of taxes with Intention of developing a plan for reappraisals. Miriam seconded, and the motion passed.

INFO: Tomorrow 6/17/25 the grand list will be lodging.

Department of Taxes: Notice of Electric Utility Valuation:

Basically, the electric company used to do the valuation of the electric department. That is no longer the case, and the department of taxes does the valuation of the electric department.

30-day extension of the lodging grand list was granted by the Department of Taxes.

Town clerk request to purchase plastic protective leaves for archival of death certificates:

The cost is \$390 for 100 they use about 10-15 per year on average. Bill made a motion to purchase leaves, Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Local Emergency Management Plan:

Miriam made a motion to add Carol Davis to the LEMO as EMDRMC representative. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Miriam then motioned to approve the town of Westmore's Local Emergency Management Plan. Isaiah seconded. Motion passed.

Milfoil mitigation contract:

It was \$150/hour for 19 days: now \$175/hour. Tabled till the next meeting to make sure there is enough money budgeted for 19 days with what we get from Westmore Association toward it -wait till John is available for confirmation.

Correction

Muttley Cru quote on flower beds

The discussion we had waited due to wasn't sure what construction impacts construction may have but contractors will not be in that area, so it would be nice to get them looking nice for summer. Bill said he may not do it as he has done them and on to mowing. Isaiah made a motion to approve a contract for flower beds if he will still do them as there is no expiration date on the quote. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

VLCT response to town liability granting limited event permits:

As long as the town follows statues and venues would be required to be insured.

Town Cottage: Disposition of conference table:

TABLED, THE TABLE till 6/30/25

Town Health Officer Appointment:

Discussion was that there is a lot to it, and we may need to budget for it. Elaine said she looked into other towns paying about \$20 per hour or \$1,400 annually. But with it not being budgeted for this year then it was mentioned to advertise to see who may be able to do it or even separate parts, talk to fire department members and citizens, there are like 10 parts maybe if we can get 2-5 people to cover different parts of it as a crew.

Striping Crosswalks and Stop Signs.

Isaiah said Dan mentioned that the insurance company had requested we put the crosswalk at North Beach and it is getting very worn, wasn't sure if we wanted to touch up and while here paint stop bars where the stop signs are. There was talk about we as a board had mentioned it's not an ideal place for pedestrians at the entrance. It was mentioned that even if we paint for this year, we have a year to decide change as that road will be paved next year. In the next year decide on if we want to change the pedestrian crosswalks to route pedestrians to a safer area to cross. Isaiah made a motion to paint crosswalks only and not stop bars at this time until we confirmed with Doug Mortin about things with signage in town. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Warranty Information on Freightliner Truck

The freightliner that was purchased this year, the extended warranty had not been purchased. The board asked at the last meeting what the variety covered, it was discussed to include the following: electrical package, engine, transmission, towing, emissions, and the required administrative fees to purchase. Isaiah made a motion to purchase the warranty including the above stated for a price of \$9,375. Bill seconded. motion passed.

Request to cut down some trees and branches at the transfer station:

Dan requested trimming some trees and cutting them back from the fences at the transfer station, which will prevent damages to fence saving from costly repairs in future. He recommended that by trimming this back, then the area could be mowed to continue keeping it from being a problem down the road. It was asked who would be cutting the town crew or hiring it out? It was said the town crew can cut them. Peter motioned to approve cutting trimming trees back at the transfer station. Miriam seconded. motion passed.

Paving on Peene Hill Road Extension:

Isaiah had mentioned it was talked about in previous meetings but never voted on, about how far to extend the paving. Peter had mentioned just passing the Silver Lane there are 2 culverts that were recently changed, and the crossings are now settled; it would take the dips out. Isaiah had mentioned by going just past Blueberry Lane Peter said was about 500' to new stakes, that it would cover the worst of the cracks on Peene Hill Road for little money. The extra 500' is about \$8500. Which then you save a little on crack filling but also leaves very few cracks on that road at all, as well as separates the joints so they overlap which helps prevent heaving spots. Bill made a motion to extend the paving by 500' and Miriam seconded. motion passed.

Local citizens and public comments:

Diane Lehder mentioned the wake boats fight is not over, the state is revamping their rules completely on how they look at lakes. She also was very thankful for how the town roads look and being kept up.

Kathy Holmes mentioned how Westside Lane looked nice and graded, and magnesium had been applied for dust, until someone was spinning up gravel on purpose by the looks and spread stones all over Peene Hill Road pavement which is dangerous to pedestrians and to drivers and vehicles. Peter said he noticed too, and he or Isaiah would reach out to Dan to ask the town guys to sweep stones off pavement.

Delayed Donna Dzugan driveway meeting till 6/30/25, at 5:30 pm

Correspondence: (all correspondence available for review at town clerk's office)

MSK Attorneys/ PCU- Post Hearing Memorandum of Law

DMV Warns public of scammers

VT Forests, Parks & Rec Free day use Entry State Parks Eligible Vermonters

Approval of minutes:

Peter motioned to approve April 30th minutes. Miriam seconded. Motion passed

Bill motioned to approve June 2nd minutes. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Review bills, sign select orders and payroll #12

Board reviewed bills and payroll

Bill motioned to approve accounts payable and payroll #12. Isaiah seconded. Motion passed

Executive session:

NONE

Peter motioned to Adjourn at 8:21 Pm. Miriam seconded.

David Stevens X Not Present

(Board Chair)

Bill Perkins X _____

Isaiah Casey X Isaiah

Peter Hyslop X Not Present

(Vice Chair)

Miriam Simonds X Miriam Simonds