

Town of Westmore VT
Selectboard Meeting
54 Hinton Hill Road
8/25/25
6 pm.

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance in person: David Stevens (Board Chair), Bill Perkins, Miriam Simonds, Isaiah Casey, Elaine Cashin, Dan Sicard, Ellie Majchrzak, Carol Davis, Carman Anderson, Robert Patton, Ed Barber, Bob Kennedy, Pam Kennedy, Deb Smith, Art Zweil, David Bradshaw, Diane Lehder, John Zimmer, Matt Wilson, Donna Dzugas-, Carole Westinghouse, Bruce Tanner, Kathy Holmes

Attendance on zoom: Marree Bushey

Call to order: David called meeting to order at 6:03pm

Additions to Agenda:

Bill made a motion to add power at North Beach to the Agenda. David seconded. Motion passed.

Haddock medical group:

Tabled no show.

Limited event permit #4 request for Ryan Cole Sept 3-6 wedding Little Farm.

Woodbelly Pizza 9/13/25 4pm to 10pm at Mountain Lake Cottages

Three Ponds LLC 9/20/25 4:45pm to 10pm at the Notch House.

Bill made a motion to approve all 3 permit applications conditional that no alcohol be served after 10pm. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Curb Cut Permit Application -61 Foliage Lane:

Permit denied due to line of sight with the hill being dangerous.

Muttley Cru:

Isaiah made a motion to have Muttley Cru cut flowers down and trim bushes at Town Clerk's office this fall to prepare for winter. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

North woods Westmore challenge:

Information: Northwoods will hold their Westmore Mountain Challenge Sept 27th.

Town cottage POLICIES:

We need to define use of the cottage, need certificates of insurance and determine management of who's responsible for it as well as look into a coded lock. The board needs to make policies for guidance on use of the cottage. Ellie to make a calendar and assist in this.

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Estimate for painting town cottage:

Tabled- estimate not received yet.

Recycle Special Town Meeting outcome of legal advise:

Legal advice from the town attorney was that the Selectboard may make a motion to stop curbside pickup.

Bill then made a motion to stop curb side pick up of trash and recycling as of October 1st.

Isaiah seconded. Motion passed.

Isaiah made a motion to expand transfer station hours to continue as are currently

Wednesday and Saturday 8am to 1pm through October 1st. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Robert Patton update on native species and invoice:

Even though the state says because the species is native, permits are hard to get and this late in year Rob believes it is worth trying even if it is only a boat channel. Start there, see what happens, watch closely in future, try for emergency permit but even if we end up getting permits by next year. Doesn't believe the state is doing anything about it and not sure they have been out to take samples or seen it. Hand harvest is not worth it unless using dash, but with dash about a 2 day project to do boat channel. Harvest with suction is much safer and more efficient. Wishes the state would come look at it in person and identify in person.

Bill made a motion to apply for a permit to remove the weed from the boat channel, Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Famous Conference table:

Remove the section of wall and put the larger conference table in the Municipal meeting room. The current smaller table was tabled on what to do with that one.

Lights from Municipal office:

Donate lights.

Chimney on garage quote:

Isaiah made a motion to accept quote from 802 chimney for up to \$8800, unless brickliners can get a quote by Friday 8/29/25 for less without telling brickliners 802s quote. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Listers:

Isaiah made a motion to set up a prebid meeting date for Wednesday 9/24/25. Bids to be opened by select board on Monday, October 20th, and Selectboard to award bids on Monday November 3rd. Miriam seconded, Motion passed.

Culvert change Hinton Hill:

Hinton Hill Road will have a closure September 8th and/or 9th from 8am till 2pm, detoured Coles road. Information notice.

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Beach and transfer station signs:

Discussion on signs for the beach and transfer station on fines for dumping, open hours, trash bags sales etc. tabled until board goes over ordinances to change them. Then word signs before ordering. Tabled.

Refrigerator appliances at transfer station:

Isaiah made a motion to stop accepting at Westmore transfer station the following: air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, car, boat, or truck batteries as of 8/26/25. Bill seconded. Motion passed

Please note Westmore residents may still bring refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units and car, boat and truck batteries directly to NEKWMD in Lyndonville, VT.

Power at North Beach:

No power at north beach since 4/11/25. Dan found out the sheriff wanted to watch security cameras due to an incident but no power. Dan to reach out to get 3 quotes on power repair.

Fire Department request to add line for washer and dryer:

To look into to see if allowed on septic permit, also was mentioned would be cheaper to have drycleaned? Would it be cheaper than washing machine purchase and upkeep?

Tax Anticipation note:

3.48% interest. Only charged if we use it. If we don't use no charges.
Bill made a motion to sign a tax anticipation note for \$330,922. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Hazard Mitigation Adoption of Certificate:

Hazard Mitigation Plan was accepted by FEMA!
Bill made a motion to accept and sign a Certificate of Adoption. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence: all correspondence at town clerks office for review:

- Emails from Kimball Johnson regarding native species in lake
- Safety concern about unsolicited property inquiry
- Trees for streams tour Craftsbury Aug 28th
- Department Public Health West Nile virus detection in mosquitoes in Newport
- State of Vermont Municipal Day October 17th

Local citizens:

Donna Dzugas- asked about her culvert and Bill said he and Dan had both seen after last meeting about it. They had both seen it was working properly last rain we had. Donna was not happy with the response.

Approval of minutes:

Miriam made a motion to approve both August 5th Meetings minutes and the minutes from August 11th. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Review bills sign select orders and payroll #17:

Isaiah made a motion to approve Swapaguana's bill for Milfoil removal in the amount of \$16712.50, with John Zimmer's approval. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Isaiah made a motion to review and sign Select Orders and Payroll #17. Bill seconded. Motion Passed.

Executive session: none

Adjourn:

Isaiah made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm. Bill seconded.

X David Stevens. _____ (Board chair) 2027

X Peter Hyslop. _____ (vice chair) 2026

X Bill Perkins. _____ 2026

X Miriam Simmonds. _____ 2028

X Isaiah Casey. _____ 2027