

Town of Westmore VT
Municipal Building
54 Hinton Hill Road
November 3rd 2025
6 pm.

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance in person: David Stevens (Chair), Bill Perkins, Miriam Simonds, Isaiah Casey, Elaine Cashin, Dan Sicard, Jim Smith, Bob Fitzpatrick, Carol Davis, Pam Kennedy

Attendance on zoom:
Donna Dzugas, Diane Lehder

Call to order:

David called a meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Additions to the agenda:

Road Equipment

Bill motioned to add road equipment to agenda, Miriam seconded, motion passed

Quarterly loss run-

Info only

Award letter PACIF grant 2025 of \$1,247.97 -

PACIF has approved so now will order then submit receipts to PACIF then will reimburse the town.

Mayor Rick Ufford-Chase of Newport would like to join a Selectboard meeting-

Elaine to contact and set up a date for him to come to the meeting and put on agenda.

House boat South End of lake info:

Discussion Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Agency of Natural Resources, and Fish and Game are all involved, boat is mostly out of water and all hazardous materials have been removed. State to handle as on state waters.

Robert Fitzpatrick livestock policy -

Elaine to prepare some info for David and Isaiah, then David and Isaiah will go meet with the owner of livestock, within 10 days.

Town Cottage Facilities Use policy -

Fix up and clean up draft, bring to insurance company to have them look over, then board will look over before putting policy in place if insurance company this sufficient.

Trash ordinance fine for illegal dumping wording to amend current ordinance and signatures-

Have the Sheriff come in to make sure what we are talking about is sufficient and possible before we re-write the ordinance. And fines. Maybe add carry in carry out signs.

Tower Lane-

Switching segments of road way will not work due to deeds. But can drop the last two segments of road from Class 4 down to legal trail. Roughly 600'

Bill made a motion to have Dan move forward on dropping the last two segments roughly 600' from Class 4 road down to legal trail. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: approval needed for a \$ 1 million CD with CNB. Treasurer to work with CNB-

Bill made a motion to put \$1million into a CD with CNB. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Road Equipment -

Discussion on trying to upgrade road equipment continues and have repair cost reduced, down time and loss of work reduced, and be able to fit in a 10 year plan. Also to reduce equipment which reduces maintenance and replacement costs.

It was proposed to get a cat 440 back hoe to replace the excavator, trailer and loader. The back hoe is comparable in size to the loader and excavator. The trade offered for loaders was not realistic to get rid of with the money spent on it. But if they keep the loader to park at the transfer station they can use it when needed when down there for snow and in summer it is right across the road from gravel pit which reduces many miles of driving up and down Rte 5A is hard on equipment and we have it as back up. The trade in an excavator was offered at \$40,000 including the flail mowing head we have for it. 2 years ago, the town was offered 55k. Right now we can get cheaper pricing than it will be in spring, on purchase.

Isaiah made the motion to accept Cat's quote on the purchase of the Cat 440 backhoe for \$186,000 and start accepting bids on the Cat 308d excavator with thumb digging bucket ditching bucket and flail head, starting bid \$40,000(Cat offered trade here) leaving a net balance of \$146,000 if traded. Bids due by Selectboard meeting on December 1st 2025. Miriam seconded, motion passed.

Local citizens and visitors:

Donna Dzugas had asked via zoom if the money for the back hoe was voted on or going to drive taxes up more, and was explained there is money in equipment fund for things like this- we are trying to upgrade some so we don't get hit with everything at once, and can save on the maintenance side as that's what's killing us right now, as well as the back hoe can do what excavator and loader is doing currently. And work on down shifting the maintenance costs less equipment and less costs.

Correspondence:

NEKCV: Notice of public meeting Nov. 13th annual report and audit info

NEK Together conference Nov 18 th

NEKWMD Notice of public information meeting Nov 11th and Dec. 9th

Approval of Minutes Oct 20, Oct 15th special town plan meeting, Oct 21st budget meeting.

Bill made a motion to accept Oct 20th and Oct 21st meeting Minutes, Miriam seconded, motion passed.

Isaiah made a motion to accept Oct 15th meeting minutes, Miriam seconded, motion passed.

Review Bills, Sign select orders and payroll #22:

Bill made a motion to review, approve, and sign select orders and payroll #22. Miriam seconded, motion passed.

Executive Session

Bill made a motion to enter Executive Session for a personnel matter at 8:20pm. Miriam seconded. Motion passed.

Isaiah motioned to exit the Executive Session at 8:29pm Bill seconded, motion passed.
No action taken at this time.

Adjourn:

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

Minutes Prepared by Isaiah Casey: 

X David Stevens.  (Board chair)

X Peter Hyslop. _____ (vice chair)

X Bill Perkins.  _____

X Miriam Simonds. _____ (Zoom)

X Isaiah Casey.  _____

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