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Town of Westmore

30 Hinton Hill Rd

Municipal Building

Westmore, Vt. 05860

July 22, 2026

10AM

BCA Meeting Minutes

In attendance in person: Maree Bushey, Susan Blackstone, Miriam Simonds, Joanna Burgess, Jason Petrarca, Kathy Holmes, Bill Perkins, Isaiah Casey, Elaine Cashin, Richard Isabelle

Via Zoom: Donna Dzugas, Kimball Johnson

Kathy called the hearing/meeting to order at 10:02AM

Additions to the Agenda: Elaine motioned and Jason seconded to add the appointment of a temporary Chair of the Board. Motion passed.

Elaine motioned and Bill seconded to appoint Isaiah as a temporary Chair of the BCA board for this hearing and meeting. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair confirmed the meeting is being recorded.

- Approve the Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2025 and February 17, 2026: Tabled.
- Oaths were administered to the BCA members. Oaths were administered to the listers and the appellant Richard Isabelle. Those present confirmed receipt of the Rules of Procedure. When asked, no conflicts of interest were disclosed.
- **Hear and determine Tax Appeal of VTel Wireless represented by Catherine Euchre: Parcel ID #0Telecom3:** The BCA heard the tax appeal for property ID 0-telecom-3, valued at \$13,900 by the State of Vermont for cable and fiber infrastructure. The Listers explained that, by statute, the state establishes the value for such utility property, and that the town cannot independently defend or contest a state-set value. Accordingly, the Listers held a special meeting and voted to sign a stipulation presented by VTel waiving the intermediate appeal steps, allowing the matter to proceed directly to the Property Valuation and Review board. The signed stipulation and the results of the grievance hearing were entered into evidence. Jason motioned and Elaine seconded to move forward with deliberations on this appeal. Motion passed. Jason motioned and Elaine seconded that the BCA approve the stipulation signed by VTel Wireless and the Listers for the Town of Westmore which would waive the requirement for a BCA hearing. Motion passed.
- **Hear and determine Tax Appeal of RLI Futures represented by Richard Isabelle: Parcel ID #205-0972.** The BCA heard the tax appeal for property ID 205097-2 (SPAN: 729-232-10012), a 1.06-acre parcel with a dwelling and 200 feet of lake frontage. The Listers stated that following the grievance, they had granted a partial reduction, increasing the depreciation factor and reducing the fair market value from \$1,008,000 to \$979,200, representing approximately a 5% reduction. The Listers noted that only the building value was in dispute; the land assessment was not contested. The appellant,

Richard Isabelle, argued that the property's assessment remained inequitable when compared to recent arm's-length sales of comparable properties in town.

Isaiah motioned and Jason seconded to appoint Kathy, Bill, Jason & Elaine as the Inspection committee with an inspection taking place on July 29th at 9:30 AM at 972 VT Rte 5A in Westmore. Motion passed. Isaiah motioned and Jason seconded to adjourn and reconvene the hearing to August 4 at 10AM to hear the inspection report and finish the hearing. Motion passed.

- Elaine motioned and Jason seconded to confirm the Polling place located at 30 Hinton Hill Road for the Town of Westmore and hours 10 AM to 7 PM for 2026 Elections (August 11 and November 3). Motion passed.
- Elaine motioned and Jason seconded to ratify use of outdoor secure Ballot dropbox for all 2026 Elections located at 30 Hinton Hill Road. Motion passed.
- Elaine motioned and Jason seconded to ratify using both an Entrance and an Exit checklist for 2026 Elections. Motion passed.
- Kathy motioned and Miriam seconded to authorize the Presiding Officer/Town Clerk to appoint election officials from the checklist of Westmore voters as needed for 2026 Elections. Motion passed.
- Kathy motioned and Isaiah seconded to authorize the Presiding Officer/Town Clerk to appoint BCA members to deliver ballots to ill or disabled voters as needed for 2026 Elections. Motion passed.

Isaiah motioned and Jason seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 AM. Motion passed.

Isaiah Casey

Miriam Simonds

Bill Perkins

Jason Petrarca

Elaine Cashin

Kathy Holmes

Joanna Burgess