Westfield Selectboard and Budget Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015 – 8 am – Town Offices

Present were: Selectboard Members: Yves Daigle, Richard Degre; Jacques Couture; Treasurer Mary Lou Jacobs; Road Commissioner Larry Kennison, Eric Kennison and Town Clerk LaDonna Dunn.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Yves called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

2. **Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.

3. **Approve Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Meeting:** Richard moved and Yves seconded to approve the minutes as read. Passed unanimously.

4. **Westfield Fire District-Vote-Meeting:** Yves reviewed the information mailed in the packet for the annual meeting with the Selectboard. The Selectboard completed the ballot at the meeting.

5. **Knocked Down Mail Boxes:** There will be a note in the Town Report reminding residents what the height restrictions are and the Kennison's would like to see the mail boxes be no closer than 3 ½' from the ~~center~~ edge of the road. Larry Kennison said if mail boxes are knocked down by the road crew then the Kennison's will repair/replace them.

6. **Vandalism-Buck Hill Road:** Yves said there was reported vandalism near Corrow Basin Road to a log loader.

7. **Sheriff's Report:** There were 15 patrol hours and $181 in speeding fines for November.

8. **Orleans County Courthouse Budget Warning:** Yves stated there is a $473,479 budget for the County budget.

9. **Librarian Update:** LaDonna stated she and Mary Lou met with Librarian Rachel Gunn on 1/5/15 to review the proposed job description and give her some state resource informational contacts and phone numbers. New books need to be purchased for the library. Hilda Daigle has offered to assist with this task. Rachel reported she will be going away to a Pennsylvania college in the fall and will be leaving her position.

10. **Household Hazardous Waste Day:** Yves reported Westfield will host a Household Hazardous Waste Day on June 13, 2015 at the Recycling Center.

11. **Other Business:**

    A. **Planet Aid Update:** LaDonna reported the sales rep from Planet Aid stopped by and they have been experiencing a high level of trash being placed in the "yellow boxes" when the boxes are at recycling centers that also collect trash. Planet Aid would like the town to consider placing the box at another community location instead of the Recycling Center. The Selectboard felt strongly that the box would be most useful/convenient when located at the Recycling Center. The matter will be discussed further in the spring when a Planet Aid box is available.

B. Paper Towel Holder: LaDonna requested replacing the center pull style paper towel dispenser in the upstairs bathroom at the Community Center so it is consistent with the other three fold paper towel holders in the lower bathroom and kitchen. The Selectboard was in agreement.

C. Letter to Bill Millar: Following last month's appointment to the Planning Commission, LaDonna was instructed to send Bill a welcome to the Planning Commission letter.

Richard moved and Jacques seconded to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 8:50 am and move into the budget portion of the meeting. Passed unanimously.

12. 2015 Town Budgets:

A. Road Budget: Larry Kennison and Eric Kennison were present to draft the Highway Budget and answer questions. Eric requested an increase in the tri ~~axel~~ axle hired equipment rate. Yves moved and Richard seconded to increase the rate to $75/hour from the old rate of $62/hour for tri ~~axel~~ axle hired equipment to be effective January 1, 2015. The $75/hour fee includes truck and driver. Passed unanimously.

B. General Government: The General Government budget was drafted. Mary Lou will make the necessary updates and the Selectboard will meet again at the end of the month to review the drafted budgets and prepare the warning items.

13. Adjourn: Jacques moved and Richard seconded to adjourn the budget meeting at 2:10 pm. Passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: LaDonna Dunn

LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

Westfield Selectboard Approval Date:

1/28/15 with 3 changes

Yves Daigle

Yves Daigle, Chair

Richard Degre

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Jacques Couture

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