

## **Westmore VT Democratic Committee Meeting Minutes 2/14/2024**

Scheduled Time: 5:30 PM (remote via Google Meet)

Attendance: Chris Evans, Joanna Burgess, Donna Dzugas-Smith, Linda M, Randy K

Meeting Opened: 5:30

Additions to the Agenda:

- Chris and Joanna met with Jim D. from 4:00-4:30 PM to discuss Newport Democratic Committee and the need to reboot it. Linda Jpoy Sullivan, Mayor of Newport, shouldn't be allowed to get any power.

### **Westmore Democratic Committee:**

- Meeting structure:
  - Continue to use Google Meet because Joanna has already paid for the subscription.
  - Linda feels meetings should be 1 hour.
  - Linda brought up the question of what the Westmore Democratic Committee's public presence is. How do we separate politics from community?
  - Chris proposed that sub-committees be made for specific areas of interest. The person responsible for the subcommittee is the person who creates it. Ex. Nek Broadband, North Beach Committee. Talking time of 10 minutes to provide Westmore Committee with updates. Joanna motioned and Linda seconded.
- Joanna gave a quick status update of S.55. Lindsay added that testimony would be heard at 1:00 and 1:45.
- Newport City Council Meetings are held on Mondays. To network in Newport, Westmore Dem committee members should consider attending the meetings. Discussion of reaching out to former Newport City major Beth Barnes and Rick Luffard of the Development Committee.

### **Westmore Community:**

- **Town Meeting Day:**
  - Primary voting will be open to registered voters of Westmore from 8:30 AM-7:00 PM at the Municipal building.
  - Democratic and Republican ballots are the only ballot options.
  - Chris went to the BCA meeting to discuss access for people with mobility issues or who need transportation. Elaine is publicly posting to ask for community help.

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- If expanding the select board from 3 to 5 members is approved by the community, Donna would be willing to run for a 1-year term. Imperative that voices be heard at Town Meeting Day.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Joanna reported that the Westmore Democratic Committee's bank account remains at \$100.00.

**Minutes**

- Chris motioned and Donna seconded for Joanna to sign the 1/31/2024 Meeting Minutes. Minutes were signed.

**Adjourned:** Chris adjourned the meeting at 5:27 PM

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Joanna Burgess

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Date