TOWN OF WESTON
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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2020 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Charles ("Tim") Goodwin, Bruce Downer
ABSENT: Ann Fuji'i
PUBLIC: Kim Seymour, Natalie Boston, Michael Smilovich, Bruce Frauman

Denis Benson called to order at 7:35 PM

1. **Changes to The Agenda:** Little School Roof bids, executive session will be needed so switch Executive Session with Old/ New Business.
2. **EMD Position**: Charles Goodwin moves (with enthusiasm) to appoint Michael Smilovich to the Emergency Management Director position. Jim Linville 2nd. Charles Goodwin and Jim Linville both spoke with a couple provided references and all spoke highly of Michael. Denis Benson notes that this is primarily unpaid unless there is a disaster. Charles Goodwin says there are administrative duties/paperwork that take time and should be compensated for. Jim Linville goes on to say that tasks beyond in an emergency should be compensated (ex. Trainings). *Unanimously approved.*
3. **Letter to The Library and The Little School:** Jim Linville has not had a chance to do.
4. **Hand Sanitizer Order (The Mountain Towns EOC):** Charles Goodwin moves to go ahead and cover the cost for an order of 6 gallons for the price of $279 from SILO Distillery for the Mountain Towns EOC. Jim Linville 2nd and asks if 6 gallons will be enough. Kim Seymour and Natalie Boston confirm this will cover the town of Weston and the Londonderry/Mountain area (advised by Kevin Beattie). *Unanimously approved.*
5. **Census Event (July 1st):** Discussion on what it is exactly, where it could even be done. Charles Goodwin suggests contacting the Ladies of The Green about using the green but supposed to be a drive up event. Bruce Frauman mentions that it is on the Londonderry Community Forum on Facebook. Charles Goodwin notes that this is the last meeting before the event and Jim Linville doesn't know how to respond and unsure on the purpose. Denis Benson makes a motion to pass on the event, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
6. **Bike Rack:** Jim Linville asks Kim Seymour if there is really a need for a bike rack, Kim says she sees people bring on cars but not leave. Charles Goodwin questions if one is donated would they consider it. Suggests placing on the edge of the annex

lawn. Lim Linville is prepared to consider if one is willing to be donated. Bruce Downer notes that he hasn't seen bikes in bike racks anywhere in town. Charles Goodwin does not believe there are any in town. Jim Linville moves if someone will donate will consider it. Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

7. **Painting Bid:** Jim Linville moves to accept Will Goodwin's bid for $500 to paint the drip edging of the Town Office. Charles Goodwin 2nd. Charles Goodwin asks Kim if Will Goodwin is a contractor on this project. Kim Seymour confirms he has all the necessary requirements/certifications. *Unanimously approved.*

8. **Town Email List:** Jim Linville believes there should be a way to communicate with the town, have to have a way to reach citizens in an emergency. Bruce Frauman notes that Londonderry uses VT Alert and can send alerts by email, phone, and/or text. Will do more research and see about how to set up VT Alert and other options. Kim Seymour suggests that something be put in with Tax bills with info on it.

9. **Noise Ordinance:** Jim Linville did some research and Fireworks are not legal in VT, need to obtain a permit from Local police (constable for Weston) and fire department. No enforcement from Selectboard, Suggests sending a letter to encourage 1 of 2 things: be neighborly and let others around know or call State Police. Natalie Boston notes that a member of the community had contacted her questioning a noise ordinance. Business doing loud work (mowing, leaf blowing) near residence very early in the morning (6am). Question if there should be a noise ordinance. Denis Benson says that people have to get work done, especially during hot summer, not unusual to get done early, is what it is. Jim Linville will write a letter to Jeff and Bob.

10. **Broadband:** Jim Linville says there will be a ZOOM meeting tomorrow (24th) from 6-7:30 on the project. Notes that it is being restarted with renewed enthusiasm as everyone has been sheltering in place, clear high speed internet is critical. Denis Benson noted it says in the paperwork that no public funds are to be used on this.

11. **Review and Approve Minutes** June 9, 2020: Jim Linville points out "lead pain" and should be "lead paint". Charles Goodwin Moves to approve with correction, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

12. **SO #13 Payroll:** Bruce Downer moves to approve SO #13 Payroll for the amount of $7,157.77, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

    SO #13 Vendors: Bruce Downer moves to approve SO #13 Vendors for the amount of $18,466.00, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

    Vendor – B (Cemetery): Denis Benson states this is dangerous: set up for everyone to want Appropriation early. Jim Linville asks Kim Seymour if they need the whole amount of $18,466 and she confirms yes: has a hefty balance left to pay. Jim Linville says he agrees with Denis Benson but believes can avoid setting precedent next year by specifying when they will be paid. Denis Benson says he is not happy with how they handle money. Charles Goodwin says there is merit to what Denis says, not a

501c3. It is town property, inclined to think should pay. Discussion on history/work. Charles Goodwin notes it is a similar situation to the recent Library situation. Discussion on the amount requested and confirmed to be full approved Appropriation from Town Meeting. Charles Goodwin also says that it would be easier for the Town to get money than the Cemetery Commission. Jim Linville agrees and says willing to go out of the "normal" for this, they will either have to pay late or have to go through hoops to get money to cover. Jim Linville Moves to approve, Charles Goodwin 2nd. Jim Linville agrees with Charles note that this is not a 501c3, show tough love, will ok this time but will not in future. Suggests make an announcement at next Town Meeting; in article in appropriations specify that not happening before the end of October. Yea: Bruce Downer, Charles Goodwin and Jim Linville. Nay: Denis Benson. *Motion carries.*

13. **Old/New Business:** <u>Little School Roof</u>: Tyrrell Enterprises LLC will not have access to lift after 9th so bid will change. Denis notes that other bid received was more of a total restoration, not just the broken/missing shingles. Charles Goodwin moves to accept Tyrrell's Bid of $2,900.00, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved.* Natalie Boston will contact so can begin work as soon as possible.

     <u>Post Office Dock</u>: Jim Linville got a hold of Tom Foster about loading dock at post office. Tom is unwilling to get involved in any exterior work in any way. Charles Goodwin mentioned issues of property line, depending, may be able to have Almon put sure pak in. Will do more research. Denis Benson notes issue comes from plowing in the winter, If it rains no drainage of water, turns to ice.

     <u>FEMA</u>: Jim Linville says he and Natalie Boston had a FEMA call telling us that total damage for Greendale Rd. and riprap on Town Office side $53,000, all been approved. FEMA will cover 75%, Kim Seymour will get paperwork to be able to pay ½ of remaining 25%. Grants for mitigation bowing on wall, gave the name of a guy from VTRAN (Chris Bump) who may come take a look.

14. **Executive Session (1 VSA §313(a)(3)):** Jim Linville moves to go into executive session, Charles Goodwin 2nd. Reason for executive session is to discuss a possible civil suit. *Unanimously approved.*
     Enter executive session at 8:47 PM
     Jim Linville Moves to come out of executive session, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
     Out of executive session at 9:13
     Jim Linville Moves to adjourn, Bruce downer 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

     Adjourn at 9:13 PM