

**TOWN OF WESTON**  
**P.O. BOX 98**  
**WESTON, VT 05161-0098**  
**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 9, 2020 7:30 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Ann Fuji'i, Charles ("Tim") Goodwin, Bruce Downer

**ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC:** Kim Seymour, Natalie Boston, Michael Smilovich, Anne Hyde Degan

Denis Benson called to order at 7:50

1. **Changes to the Agenda:** Authorization for Additional Services, note from Melvin Twitchell
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Letter From Anne Hyde Degan:** Natalie Boston read aloud Anne Degan's letter requesting the Weston Selectboard to adopt the following *unifying* resolution in regards to the killing of George Floyd:  
**"The Selectboard of Weston, Vermont joins cities and towns across the state to condemn the brutal killing of George Floyd. We recognize this as a defining moment in history, and, as such, we are compelled to speak in a unified voice as we help our communities strive for peace, healing and equality for all."**  
Denis Benson moves to adopt this resolution, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Yea: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Annie Fuji'i, Bruce Downer. Nay: None. Abstain: Charles Goodwin. **Motion Passes.**  
Anne Degan leaves meeting.
4. **New Lister** John Derek Croteau: Charles Goodwin moves to appoint John Derek Croteau based on the listers recommendation. Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Charles Goodwin raises question on residency, Jim Linville confirms yes he is. *Unanimously approved.*
5. **EMD Position** Michael Smilovich: Charles Goodwin requests references, Michael Smilovich will send to Natalie Boston. Jim Linville questions current employment, Michael explains no longer with them, in transition from Colorado to Vermont. Left previous position at beginning of Covid-19. Charles Goodwin asks why he applied for this position, Michael says this position is "precipice" of life's work/experience. Jim Linville notes position is part time and Michael Smilovich says he is aware and works well for him as he is beginning graduate school for Emergency Management at SNHU in the fall; ideal in fact. Denis Benson requests for Michael Smilovich to send references and will readdress at the next SB Meeting (June 23<sup>rd</sup>).  
Michael Smilovich leaves meeting.

6. **Excess Weight Permit** – United Natural Foods, Inc.: Jim Linville Moves to approve, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
7. **Pitney Bowes Lease:** Kim Seymour confirms this is a recurring item, doing earlier because they are guaranteeing the same price. Charles Goodwin moves to follow the suggestion of Kim Seymour and Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
8. **Certificate** – No Appeal or Suit Pending: Charles Goodwin moves to approve, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
9. **Planning Commission Email Approval:** Kim Seymour explains that the Planning Commission requested professional email through Go Daddy account. Approximately \$126 for 6/7 additional people per year. Charles Goodwin moves to approve, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. Annie Fuji'i questions why they need it and if the Selectboard members should have them as well. Jim Linville says he believes they are separate issues; first decide on Planning Commission's request. *Unanimously approved.* Discussion on continued use of personal emails and Natalie Boston using the [selectboard@westonvt.org](mailto:selectboard@westonvt.org) email. Charles Goodwin suggests to table for now. Jim Linville would like to find out more information. Annie Fuji'i mentioned at the BOA it was noted if subpoenaed, will have access to all personal emails as well as business. Annie Fuji'i would like to explore more. Jim Linville says to research more and will readdress. Charles Goodwin says telephones are nice.
10. **Town Website:** Kim Seymour says the website has been down for almost 2 weeks. Original developer working on it but unsure why it is down. Would like to make a project to update to new platform (depending on money) in the late summer/early fall. To get fixed will need to pay a bill but think will be between \$500- \$600 to be redone later on. Jim Linville asks if can be redone sooner. Kim Seymour says would have to rebuild from scratch, don't want to lose all the data currently on there. Jim Linville Moves to approve Kim Seymour to move forward with planning, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
11. **Town Clerk Plexiglass Shield Upgrade:** Current one is too small and a bit ineffective. Kim Seymour not sure best option but suggested a Dutch door. Charles Goodwin suggests using chairs to keep people back but the way it is set up this would not work. As is can't get 6 feet apart. Charles Goodwin moves to do whatever can do to ensure health and safety of those working. Notes that he believes this part of Covid-19 will be around for a long time. Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion on best option (lots out there), Kim Seymour will speak with Will Goodwin on the Dutch door idea. Jim Linville notes they should think about a lip for papers/signing of papers. Annie Fuji'i questions researchers, Kim says that they are doing by appointment only and require masks and gloves; still need to request stepping back. Discussion on if a Dutch door will be the best option (still need to unlock front door). Jim Linville says that they give Kim Seymour authorization to do what is necessary and come to the

Selectboard if expense gets really high. Kim Seymour says she is happy with the Dutch Door. *Unanimously approved.*

12. **Review and Approve Minutes May 26, 2020:** Charles Goodwin moves to approve, Jim Linville notes miss spelling of Yea and Nay and 2<sup>nd</sup>'s. *Unanimously approved.*

13. **SO #12 Payroll, SO #12 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to approve payroll SO #12 for the amount of **\$7,145.16**, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

Jim Linville questions The Little School over paying for fuel. Kim Seymour confirms that they paid 2 times for the same delivery, didn't catch till now. Jim Linville questioned the credit and asks if the Selectboard had forgiven rent for the month of May. Kim Seymour and Natalie Boston confirm that no, the Selectboard had allowed them to pay late but not waived rent for the month of May. Charles Goodwin moves to approve Vendors SO #12 for the amount of **\$25,315.78**, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

14. **Old/New Business: New:** Authorization for Additional Services (Stantech): Kim Seymour explains that original contract was the town would pay up to \$1,000 for emergency things and was used with The Little School (water disinfecting), this would be an authorization to continue service. Charles Goodwin (though painful) moves to approve, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

Melvin Twitchell Letter: Natalie Boston reads aloud the letter addressing concerns he desired to be addressed regarding the paving of Lawrence Hill Road. Two areas to address: Front parking area where road meets the parking lot (Major wear and hole there currently), and the loading dock area (Water from road ends up there in very large puddle that turns to ice patch in winter). Charles Goodwin requests Natalie Boston to make sure Almon Crandall gets a copy of the letter if he has not received already. Discussion on if there used to be a ditch between the post office and Annex property. Annie Fuji'i makes a motion, pending Almon's approval, to approve request, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Denis Benson warns "want to be very careful here", future requests for paving private property. Annie Fuji'i says she believes for "the greater good" of the public. Discussion on future issues if done, Believed to be best for the public, necessary for the public to access. Bruce Downer believes it is a good idea to do. Jim Linville wonders if building owners would share part of the expense. Jim also notes he see obvious value of the Post Office but worries about precedent. Annie Fuji'i questions the cost and Charles Goodwin says it is minimal but more concern for recommended procedure. *Yea: Annie Fuji'i, Bruce Downer, Charles Goodwin. Nay: Denis Benson. Abstain: Jim Linville. **Motion Passes.*** Jim Linville, Charles Goodwin, Annie Fuji'i and Almon Crandall will take a look together. Old: Jim Linville was working on letter discussed to send to The Library and The Little School and Charles Goodwin brought to his attention Statute on Libraries: 22 V.S.A. Section 143

Jim Linville believes this vests any authority with the library board and up to The

Selectboard to approve or reject. Discussion on difference of the Library and The Little School procedures in regards to projects/bids. Jim Linville will draft letters to both The Library and The Little School to discuss at next meeting.

Denis Benson questions any response to painting edging of town office roof. Natalie Confirms yes: Will Goodwin submitted a bid and is lead paint certified. Did not have bid sheet at home to confirm price. Will confirm bid submission dates for bids on this.

Charles Goodwin moves to Adjourn, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adjourn at: 8:49 PM**

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