

TOWN OF WESTON
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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2020 7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC: Kim Seymour, Natalie Boston

Denis Benson, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

1. **Changes to agenda:** *excess weight permit (Cardinal) Motion to approve Cardinal made by Jim Linville and 2nd by Charles Goodwin; unanimously approved.*
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Access Permit (Melvin Coleman) Motion to approve Coleman on the condition that he must install an 18 inch culvert that is 30 feet long made by Charles Goodwin and 2nd by Jim Linville; unanimously approved.**
4. **The Little School Rent Relief:** *discussion on TLS difficulty to get relief funding. Having already paid for April, motion to accept "untimely" (late) payment for May made by Charles Goodwin and 2nd by Jim Linville; unanimously approved.*
5. **Generator to serve TLS and Town Office:** *discussion on smaller "House Unit" vs. larger "Industrial" quality; Industrial one in Chester. Noted that if they go with Larger, shouldn't expect TLS to pay full ½ (Use as emergency shelter). Question on power usage between TLS and Town office; ability for a Home Unit to power both. (Jim Linville) High but not over capacity. Charles Goodwin expects in next 5-10 years will go over the Household unit. One in Chester (seen by Jim Linville) has been sitting so may not run/will cost \$5,000 - \$10,000 to repair and get running. Denis Benson noted it will need to be on a pedestal/ raised 3 feet off the ground. Bruce Downer suggested that more information is needed before a decision is made. Charles Goodwin notes that still time to handle, heads up to get done in future. Need to see one in Chester again, if it runs or is even still available. **Will be discussed again at the next Selectboard Meeting.***
6. **Will Goodwin water Chlorination and Comp.** *To be discussed under #18 – Executive Session.*
7. **Speed Limit in Village:** Charles Goodwin and Bruce Downer got in contact with VTrans, can get a cart but does *not* record any data, just shows driver speed. No charge and can get for a 2 week period. Discussion on how town speed comes up every year and if this will be effective. Noted by Annie Fuji'i that without any enforcement it will be ineffective. Express concern for flashing lights. It is a concern

of locals, whether we like it or not, its doing *something* and not ignoring a concern (Bruce Downer). Denis Benson notes that we have “Hard Data” on town speed and people just don’t like the results: **the state said that we don’t have a speeding problem**. Annie Fuji’i points out that it’s locals that are the speeders and locals that complain: going to irritate as many as appease. Motion to have VTrans put a speed cart in town for 2 weeks made by Jim Linville. Charles Goodwin amended to add to check with people complaining/who will be affected with lights. Jim Linville talked with them already and they are delighted; offered for it to go in their yard. Charles Goodwin 2nd. Annie Fuji’i stated she agrees there’s a speeding problem but thinks should look into other alternatives. *Yea: Jim Linville, Bruce Downer and Charles Goodwin. Nay: Annie Fuji’i. Motion Carries.*

8. **COVID-19 / Governor Scott’s Directives** Almon Crandall getting signs to make town garage compliant, need to laminate. Charles Goodwin inquires on required training and certificate. *Natalie Boston will resend the link to do the online training to be complete by all by May 4th 2020.* Denis Benson request that Kim Seymour check with Londonderry on how they conducted training in person so it could be an option for those who don’t want to do it online.
9. **Tax Anticipation Note** Tax Anticipation Note Kim Seymour states we will need to borrow \$632,500. Paving expense \$290,000 total - \$119,500 paid out of Special Funds. Jim Linville suggests paying ½ with Special Funds and borrow ½ from bank. Kim Seymour asks what terms for paying back, pay back after bulk of taxes paid (Due in October). Kim Seymour will check with banks. *Motion by Denis Benson to take ½ needed from Special funds and ½ by bank. Charles Goodwin 2nd. Unanimously approved.*
10. **Delinquent Tax Report** Discussion on bottom two. *Motion for this to be accepted by the Selectboard made by Charles Goodwin, 2nd by Jim Linville. Unanimously approved.*
11. **MVP 2020 Health Insurance** Contract signing. *Jim Linville makes a motion for Denis Benson to sign revised contract, 2nd by Charles Goodwin. Unanimously approved.*
12. **LEMP Update, Approval and Signature** Annie Fuji’i notes correction to Jim Linville’s email address as well as adding Facebook groups “Weston Community Hub” and “Front Porch Forum” (Section 4: Important local websites/social media channels. EM Coordinator: *Kim Seymour will temporarily fill roll with same note as Birgit Sutter-David: Through 5/31/2020.*
13. **Review and Approve Minutes April 14, 2020** *Jim Linville makes motion to approve, 2nd by Bruce Downer.* Annie Fuji’I brings up and is discussed on the Selectboard’s roll to inform people of a complaint against them. Jim Linville notes that the members of the Selectboard have no obligation to do so. *Unanimously approved.*
14. **Financial Summary** Discussion on when tax rate will be known and when to send out. *Denis Benson suggests that they revisit this at next Selectboard meeting.*

15. **SO #9 Payroll, SO #9 Vendors** Motion to approve Total of \$6867.10 made by Jim Linville, 2nd by Charles Goodwin. Unanimously approved. Motion to pay accounts payable made by Bruce Downer, 2nd by Jim Linville. Unanimously approved.

16. **Old/New Business** (Paving Contract) Jim Linville made note on comment about less material in estimate than other bids, still believes that Fuller is the best Bid option. Annie Fuji'i notes this is the same one Andover is using. Motion for Denis Benson to sign Fuller Contract made by Jim Linville, 2nd by Charles Goodwin. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Charles Goodwin to go into Executive session to discuss Will Goodwin Compensation for Water Chlorination, 2nd by Jim Linville. Unanimously approved. **(8:52 PM)**

Out of Executive session at **(9:00 PM)**

17. **Executive Session:** (1 VSA §313(a)(3)) Motion made by Jim Linville to pay Will Goodwin For his time at his regular rate, 2nd by Bruce Downer. Unanimously approved.

18. **Adjourn:** Decided to wait and see how things go with COVID-19 before deciding to hold next meeting via Zoom or in Town Office. Welcome Natalie Boston on as new Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard. Discussion on FEMA Grant (Greendale Riverbank). Denis Benson note's to Natalie that when working on FEMA Grants to bill time to them. Motion to Adjourn made by Charles Goodwin, 2nd by Jim Linville. Unanimously approved.

Adjourn at 9:07 PM

Weston Selectboard:

Denis Benson, Chair

Jim Linville, Vice Chair

Anne Fuji'i, Secretary

Bruce Downer

Charles Goodwin