

TOWN OF WESTON

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 10th, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Present: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Charles Goodwin and Lisa Yrsha

Absent: Ann Fuji'i

Public: Kim Seymour, Natalie Boston, Donald Hart, Almon Crandall and Eric Pace

Denis Benson calls the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

- 1. Review and Approve Minutes:** The meeting minutes from April 12th had not been approved at the last meeting due to a question on the wording of the last motion after executive session. Jim Linville confirms that it was the motion he made. Jim Linville moves to approve, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved*. Since Annie Fuji'i was not there they cannot approve the minutes for April 26th.
- 2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:** Access Permit for Weston Hotel Partners: The Selectboard reviews the application requesting to bury a powerline under Mill Lane. Denis Benson notes the sketch is incorrect. Eric Pace corrects sketch. Discussion on whose property the telephone pole is on. Discussion. Jim Linville moves to approve with correction to the sketch and notes the approval is for work within the towns Right Of Way only, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved*. Eric Pace thanks the Selectboard and notes he is new to the community but happy to be here and hopes to see them once the Inn opens.
- 3. Public Comment:** Donald Hart gives the selectboard members results from a Mechanical Analysis of Aggregates and Granular Material he had done. Discussion.
- 4. Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall says that they only have a few more spots of stone to fill and then will be done. Discussion on Memorial Weekend closing of Park Street. Almon notes that they need more road closed signs as 2 have been stolen. Denis Benson raises the issue of getting trucks and that wait time is 2+ years. Also mentions the town may need to upgrade for a 6 wheeler to a 10 wheeler. With that raises issues however. They would not be able to pull the truck into the garage in the winter with the plows on. Denis suggests that now may be the time to look into and plan expanding the Town Garage back 6 feet. If doing the job would be helpful to the crew to have a wood shed as well. Would need to bring to an architect to get a price guess on the job. Discussion. Almon Crandall notes that Cota and Cota have not been out this past year to service the fuel tank. Natalie will contact them tomorrow.
- 5. Lawn Mowing:** Lisa Yrsha begins by explaining at the last meeting they received 2 bids for the Mowing, one was in improper format from the form that was provided and the other was in correct format but was out of budget and with being in different formats they couldn't fairly compare the two. She continues to say that there was not enough information provided on the bid sheets to explain the scope of the work they were looking to have done.

They had decided to reject both bids and readdress. Now The Little School has hired Perkins Lawn and Landscape to do the entire grounds of the Little School so the Town Office is the only one needing lawn maintenance. Discussion. Charles Goodwin mentions that he spoke with Hugh Gabert and he could be hired to mow the Town Office property with the Town's mower by the hour. Discussion. Jim Linville moves to Authorize Charles Goodwin to hire Hugh Gabert to mow the Town Office Lawn with the Town's mower with what he deems as reasonable pay, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*

6. **Receipt of Town Meeting Minutes:** Discussion and review. A few corrections noted. The Selectboard will send Kim Seymour any changes or corrections so they may be approved at the next meeting.
7. **Cash Flow Report/Tax Anticipation Note:** Jim Linville moves to approve as presented, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
8. **Delinquent Tax Report:** Jim Linville moves to accept the Delinquent tax report, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
9. **Appointment of Town Officers:** Natalie Boston goes over the positions that remain open. Discussion. Jim Linville moves to appoint Michael Smilovich to Emergency Management Director, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
Jim Linville moves to appoint Rusty Davis to Deerfield Valley Fiber, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
Jim Linville asks Natalie Boston to check with Deb Granquist on a replacement for Carrie Chalmers declined spot on the Development Review Board. Annie Fuji'i was going to follow up with Anne Degan on Planning Commission and Conservation Commission.
10. **SO #10 Payroll/ SO#10 Vendors:** Charles Goodwin moves to approve SO #10 Payroll for the amount of \$6,923.11, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
Charles Goodwin moves to approve SO #10 Vendors for the amount of \$38,518.17, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
11. **New/Old Business:** Charles Goodwin notes the need to "dwell" on the results from the survey of the Town Office and Annex property. Discussion. Was unable to find corner marker for annex property and the post office on Lawrence Hill Rd. Natalie Boston and Lisa Yrsha will look in records to see if they can find it.
Natalie Boston notes that she spoke with electrician that will be installing the Generator at The Little School and he will not need any site work done in advance.

Jim Linville moves to go into executive session to discuss personnel: 1 VSA S313A3, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*

Into executive Session at 8:44 PM

Out of Executive session at 9:01 PM

Denis Benson moves to hire Jeff Yrsha, Charles Goodwin 2nd. Aye: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Charles Goodwin. Obtained: Lisa Yrsha.

Jim Linville moves to adjourn, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM