

**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 22, 2021 at 7:30 PM**

**Present:** Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Bruce Downer, Charles Goodwin, and Ann Fuji'i.

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Donald Hart, Joann Prouty, Nicki Pfister, Will Goodwin, Deborah Granquist, Mallory Hopkins and Natalie Boston

**Chairman Denis Benson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.**

- 1. Changes to The Agenda:** Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund will be discussed later. Joann Prouty speaks on the Library's desire to build a Little Free Library. She explains it is a little box on a pole outside where people may take or leave books for free. Her husband Ron Prouty plans to create it to look like the Town Office and be installed next to the message board out front. She is looking for permission on behalf of the Library to do this. Jim Linville notes that with the proposed location, snow removal through the winter would not be an issue. Joann says it shall be maintained by the library. Jim Linville makes a motion to welcome the Library's initiative, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. Unanimously approved.
- 2. Public Comment:** Donald Hart raises a question on the minutes from the June 8th meeting where the board moved and approved to appropriate up to \$50,000 to The Friends of the Weston Community for the purpose of acquiring the Coughlin property that adjoins the Library. He wonders if this was an article left blank at Town Meeting, confirms it was not and he says it should have been appropriated. Discussion. Combination of timing and a need to act quickly with the town's best interest in mind. Jim Linville says this is a win for the town. Discussion on the wall failing as well.
- 3. Discussion on Development Review Board/Planning Commission Structure:** Jim Linville Begins by saying the Selectboard has been considering changing from the Planning Commission and ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) to creating a Development Review Board. He goes on to say Londonderry switched to this and have been pleased with the change. Discussion on how doing this change would also change the responsibilities so that the PC would be more legislative while the DRB would execute judiciary actions. Emphasis on making processes easier for residents, one stop instead of two different boards. Discussion on bringing Zoning regulations up to date. Deborah Granquist says that this is not a new idea but had been a concern of having enough people to do the work needed to be done. She goes on to say the goal is to streamline the permitting process. Will Goodwin notes that with his experience in Londonderry they wouldn't be able to have all the zoning regulations fixed by 2022 Town Meeting, Jim Linville requests around 10 "Band-Aids" or amendments. Annie Fuji'i notes she is in favor of a comprehensive overview. She spoke with Londonderry DRB and PC members and they are in favor of how they work now and says they are working with consultant Brandy Saxton. Discussion. Charles Goodwin suggests having a meeting with ZBA, PC and the Selectboard. At the next PC meeting (July 12th) someone from both the SB and ZBA will be present.

4. **Speed Sign Letter:** Jim Linville distributes a draft of a letter to go out to downtown residents. Denis Benson says the results of the Speed Survey needs to be mentioned and also believes it needs to go out to all of the residents of the town, not just those downtown. Jim Linville agrees and suggests putting a copy of the Speed Survey results in with the letter. Charles Goodwin brings up looking into having the sheriff come. Discussion on issue Londonderry had with state police not coming when Catalytic Converter was stolen since they have a contract with Winhall police. Suggestion of the State police coming and doing a speed trap a few times. Charles Goodwin suggests letting some people get tickets, Annie Fuji'i says once a few people get tickets they will slow down. Natalie Boston will call the State Police and see which barracks covers Weston and see what is involved in having them come here on a few random days. Charles Goodwin says the letter is still a good idea but the other issue is the curve. Discussion on "Dangerous Curve" Sign, found in orange but not green. Denis Benson suggests putting the speed sign survey and the results of the speed survey in the tax survey.
5. **Park Street Closure July 31st 2021:** Charles Goodwin moves to authorize the closure of Park Street on July 31st 2021, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. Discussion on the Vermont Country Store hosting a comedy show outside of the playhouse. Denis Benson asks who will be responsible for closing the street, note's it is a Saturday. Jim Linville amends motion to close Park Street 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM on July 31st 2021 and ask the VCS to get in contact with Almon Crandall and they are responsible for putting up the barriers. Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
6. **Appointment of Town Officers:** Jim Linville moves to table to the next meeting, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
7. **Town Clerk's Office Door:** Jim Linville moves to table, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
8. **Administrative Assistant Remote Access:** Natalie Boston explains that she has been able to work remotely thanks to a program called TeamViewer. The free trial ran up and can no longer work from home, asks to sign up for a plan with them or also suggests other reliable programs. Charles Goodwin notes that Will Goodwin had mentioned that Londonderry uses the Cloud and suggests Natalie Boston looks into that.
9. **Review and Approve Minutes 6/8/2021:** Jim Linville moves to approve, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
10. **SO #13 Payroll, SO #13 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to approve SO #13 Payroll for the amount of \$6,578.45, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.* Bruce Downer moves to approve SO #13 Vendors for the amount of \$16,803.47, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
11. **New/Old Business:** Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund: Discussion on it and what it will cover. Annie Fuji'i moves to have Natalie Boston be the Authorized Representative, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

Denis Benson moves to adjourn, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 PM**

Weston Selectboard:

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Denis Benson, Chair

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Jim Linville, Vice Chair

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Anne Fuji'i, Secretary

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Bruce Downer

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Charles Goodwin