

TOWN OF WESTON

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2021 at 7:30 PM

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

Absent: Bruce Downer

Public: Donald Hart, Gene Palma, Kim Seymour, and Natalie Boston

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

1. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** Denis Benson notes the board will need to go into executive session to discuss Land sale and Personnel. He also reads aloud a notice of a State wide COVID-19 Memorial service planned for Sunday, September 19th at 3 PM.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Windham Regional Commission Plan Re-Adoption:** The Board recognizes and chooses to not Veto the Plan Re-adoption.
4. **Tax Rate:** The Selectboard reviews the Tax Rate. Denis Benson notes that the homestead rate is 2.1307 and the Non-Residential is 2.1887. Jim Linville brings up in 2020 they had moved to waive the late filing fee due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Jim Linville moves to reinstate the 3% filing penalty for the 2021 Tax Bill, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
5. **Speed Sign Letter:** Jim Linville notes a few changes to the letter Discussion on how many pages total with Speed Survey results. Natalie Boston notes she spoke with Kim Seymour and together confirmed that the 3 pages would fit into the pre-stamped envelopes. Charles Goodwin moves to send out the letter and survey with the tax Bill, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
6. **Financial Management Questionnaire:** Jim Linville moves to sign the Financial Management Questionnaire and notes a "pat on the back" to Kim Seymour for actions on this questionnaire look so good. Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
7. **Appointment Of Town Officers:** Jim Linville notes the board is still holding on Appointing ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) and PC (Planning Commission) members until the decision is made on chance to a DRB (Development Review Board). Suggests Warning The public of a hearing on August 10th at 7:00 PM on the possible change. Open to public Comment as well as if interested to learn more or if interested in volunteering to be on either Board. Discussion on Denis Benson's concern of not having enough people to fill positions. Annie Fuji'i and Jim Linville explain the transition as not creating more positions but adjusting, getting rid of the ZBA and having the DRB replace and consolidates the judiciary aspects in one place and no need for 2 hearings. Charles Goodwin moves to reappoint Andrew Harper and Donald Hart to the Conservation commission (4 year term), As well as Will Goodwin to Zoning Administrator, Will Goodwin to Floodplain Administrator, Barbra Lloyd to Vendor Ordinance Administrator, Ray Mara to Tree Warden, Jon Bliss to Emergency Fuel Coordinator, Mark Falango to Civil Defense Chairman, Almon Crandall to 911 Commission, Michael Smilovich to Emergency

Management Director, Natalie Boston to Assistant EMD, Mark Falango to Regional Technology Team WRC and Peter Areson to Green Up Coordinator. Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved.* Annie Fuji'i notes that Marisa Bolognese is missing from the list (term expiring in 2022). Jim Linville moves to reappoint Jeff Yrsha to Road Commissioner, Denis Benson to Forest Fire Warden, and Almon Crandall to Assistant Forest Fire Warden, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.* Remaining openings will be discussed later in Executive session.

- 8. Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund:** Jim Linville Confirms that the Town Of Weston accepted their portion. Discussion on how the town may use the funds. Charles Goodwin notes the towns need to fiber optic, as well as the library not having a bathroom.
- 9. Review and Approve Minutes:** A few minor changes made. Jim Linville Moves to Approve, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved*
- 10. SO #16 Payroll/ SO #16 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to approve SO #16 Payroll for the amount of \$7,438.08, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved*
Annie Fuji'i moves to approve SO #16 Vendors for the amount of \$48,623.07, Jim Linville 2nd. Denis Benson asks about payment to The Weston Cemetery Commission as Organizations that receive money from the town are not supposed to receive funding until the Tax bills are collected. Jim Linville notes he believes it is in reference to a Warned Article for Stone Head repairs. Work must have been done and now collecting payment for the work. *Unanimously approved* Discussion on Beaver removal fee in Vendors.
- 11. New/Old Business:** Denis Benson asks if anyone has heard anything about the Little School Floors, Natalie Boston says no she hasn't heard anything but will reach out and find out. Denis also asks where the Generator for the Little School is at. Jim Linville says nowhere new, waiting to on the surveyors to get the survey done so we can know where it needs to be. Jim says he spoke to Will Goodwin and the Generator needs to be 2 feet above the 100 year flood line.

Jim Linville moves to go into executive session in regards to Labor Relations in accordance with 1 VSA 313(a)(2), Annie Fuji'I 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
Moves into Executive Session at 8:17 PM

Out of Executive Session at 8:35 PM

The Selectboard moves to grant Almon Crandall 1 additional week of vacation time.

Charles Goodwin moves to appoint Susan Meyers to Senior Solutions (Council on Aging), Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM