

TOWN OF WESTON

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2021 at 7:30 PM

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

Absent: Denis Benson

Public: Stacy Richards, Ben Masure, Casey Haynes, Kim Seymour, Almon Crandall, Donald Hart and Natalie Boston

Vice Chairman Jim Linville called the meeting to order at 7:29 P.M.

1. **Changes or Additions to The Agenda:** Jim Linville notes additions to the agenda including: Access Permit, Municipal Planning Grant Signature and PC Chair Appointment would be addressed later.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall begins by addressing the SFY22 Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Program: Equipment Purchase. Almon says that he is mostly interested in the Haybale Shredder. Discussion on the grant. Almon also notes he is interested in a stone screener but was not sure on the requirements as far as being fabricated by the municipality. Annie Fuji'i asks if we could stagger or apply for both. Almon is unsure and will need to do a little more research. Discussion. Charles Goodwin makes a motion for Jim Linville to sign the letter of intent, Bruce Downer 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
Almon Crandall continues to say the Trout Club Culvert project has been completed, Ameden Construction did a great job and he was impressed with the job. Discussion. Charles Goodwin suggests using a picture of the completed culvert for the cover of the town report next year. All agree. Donald Hart notes he heard from the supervisors of the company that manufactures the box culverts that the site prep was the best they had ever seen.
Almon Crandall goes on to say people from **the state**? Will be coming tomorrow to take out the old underground tank. Almon explains the process. Jim Linville raises a question about supply issues with culvert piping supplies. Almon says there was but the town had a surplus from past projects. Jim Linville asks if it will be an ongoing issue with the gray supply and Almon doesn't think so but hard to say.
Discussion on Duane Hart Access Permit, Bruce Downer moves to approve pending the Approval to proceed, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

4. **Casey Haynes: BDCC/SeVEDS:** Casey Haynes begins with a little background on him and his roll. He helps employers who they need, talks about a few programs and groups currently working on. Bruce Downer asks what the most crucial need is and who would fill that need (as in old/young). Casey says it is not about age as much as it is about sectors: hospitality, manufacturing, etc. Jim Linville adamantly says there needs to be high speed internet. Discussion on internet needs in the area. Casey goes on to say that COVID has been a big factor, connecting people to federal resources. Restart VT Technical Assistance Program paid VT based vendors to help small businesses. Casey notes another program where they connect students with trade professions. Discussion on this program, schools desire to offer sooner to give more time to explore all options when entering the workforce (college vs trade). Casey Haynes says in the past they had asked each town for \$3 per person for Town Meeting's appropriations, \$1,698.
5. **The Little School:** Generator, Roof Repair: Natalie Boston updates on the status of the survey of The Little School Property, surveyor had begun research of adjoining properties but had not yet started the survey. He understands the needs and what we are trying to find out and accomplish. Survey should start in the next 2 weeks and be done in 3-4 weeks. Jim Linville says he thinks it is a good thing, things are moving and happening. Discussion on the possible location on the generator, distance from the building. Natalie Boston will find out when he is coming and Jim Linville will walk/meet with him. Natalie Boston adds the Little School noticed some pieces of slate damaged/missing on one side of the roof and is concerned about a piece falling on a car. She will reach out and get a quote to have repaired. Stacy Richards says there are two dead trees by the river leaning towards the playground. Wondered who was responsible for those. Also wondering on the status of repairing the electrical panel (not to code) as well as the floor refinishing. Discussion. Donald Hart suggests reaching out to the Tree Warden Ray Mara. No one on the Selectboard recalls anything about the electrical panel, asks them to get a quote (or two if possible) to have fixed. Discussion.
6. **Fuel Bids:** Natalie Boston says one of the companies that had been planning on submitting a bid had not. Charles Goodwin moves to table to get all bids in, Bruce Downer 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
7. **2020 Audit- Management Representation Letter Signature:** Charles Goodwin moves for Jim Linville to sign on behalf of Denis Benson, Bruce Downer 2nd. *Unanimously approved.* Jim Linville adds the he believes Kim Seymour is doing a great job and the town is grateful for all she does.
8. **DTR:** Charles Goodwin moves to say the SB reviewed the DTR, Bruce Downer 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
9. **Review and Approve Minutes:** August 24th: Charles Goodwin moves to approve, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.* August 31st: Jim Linville Approves of the minutes.
10. **SO# 20 Payroll, SO #20 Vendors:** Bruce Downer makes a motion to approve SO #20 payroll for the amount of \$21,142.67, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

Bruce Downer makes a motion to approve SO #20 Vendors for the amount of \$195,724.85, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

11. **New/Old Business:** Addition to the agenda: Municipal Planning Grant Signature: Discussion on rolls. Charles Goodwin moves to sign, Bruce Downer 2nd. *Unanimously approved.* Jim Linville and Annie Fuji'i sign additionally.

Natalie Boston brings up animal control, she spoke with surrounding towns and one town has their constable fill that need. The town of Weston still has not found anyone to fill that so Natalie made a post on the community facebook page and got a few promising responses for Constable, animal control and Senior Solutions. Will get more info for next meeting.

Bruce Downer moves to adjourn, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 PM

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