

**TOWN OF WESTON**  
**P.O. BOX 98**  
**WESTON, VT 05161-0098**  
**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2021 7:30 PM**

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

**Absent:**

**Public:** Kim Seymour, Natalie Boston, Deborah Lyneis, Cherise Forbes

Chairman Denis Benson called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

1. **Any Requested Changes to the Agenda:** Add discussion of Excess Weight permit. Weston EMD Michael Smilovich will not be attending.
2. **Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Not Present
3. **Deborah Lyneis Report:** Deb brought a survey to the Selectboard last year to hear what others want kids to learn in schools. Had planned to continue but due to COVID had to stop. They will be circulating a new survey with only two questions and are looking for responses within a few weeks. Deb requested that we circulate the survey as widely as possible in town. Deb requested that if we postpone Town Meeting this year that we include time to present the 8<sup>th</sup> graders with their awards, which of course the SB agreed to. Deb said that the new draft school tax rate – which needs to be approved by the legislature – shows an increase from \$1.603 in 2020 to \$1.642 for 2021, a 2.4% increase. Discussion followed on budget, tax rate, and cutting costs and the Selectboard thanked Deb for her report.
4. **Excess Weight Permit:** Denis Benson said that these permits are filed by many trucking companies in case they get a job in Weston. In the past Cheryl Barker checked these and approved them, so Denis that will show Natalie Boston how to do it in the future. Jim Linville moves to have Denis Benson sign, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
5. **Adoption and Signing of New Pay Rates:** Denis Benson confirms that they will go into effect on the 1st of July and Kim Seymour confirms yes. Jim Linville moves to accept the new pay rates (3% increase for all), Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
6. **Contract for Engineering Services (Oscar Garcia) Little School:** Charles Goodwin moves to sign, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
7. **Audit Engagement Letter Signature:** Jim Linville moves for Denis Benson to sign, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
8. **Highway Mileage Signature:** Jim Linville moves to have Denis Benson sign, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
9. **Delinquent Tax Report:** Charles Goodwin moves that we have reviewed the delinquent tax report, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
10. **Review and Approve Minutes 12/22/2020 and 12/29/2020:** Jim Linville moves to accept both and sign, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
11. **SO #1 Payroll, SO #1 Vendors:** Bruce Downer moves to accept SO #1 Payroll for the amount of \$7,609.01, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

Jim Linville moves to accept SO #1 Vendors for the amount of \$71,640.69, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

**12. New/Old Business:** Annie Fuji'i says that she heard that the VT legislature might allow towns to schedule Town Meeting for May or June instead of the traditional first Tuesday in March and asks if anyone has heard more info on this. Kim Seymour says she heard that some decision is expected by Friday about allowing towns to postpone Town Meetings. Denis Benson notes that the Warning should still be signed by the 26<sup>th</sup>. Jim Linville notes that until the legislature weighs in we won't know the proper procedure. Decided that unless something major comes up we will have our January 26<sup>th</sup> SB meeting at The Playhouse to sign the Warning. Kim Seymour notes that the Warning is to be formatted and sent to the printer by Friday the 22nd of January but that emailing the signed copy soon after the 26<sup>th</sup> will work.

Charles Goodwin moves to adjourn, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

### **Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 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