

**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**November 9, 2021 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Almon Crandall, Donald Hart, Deborah Granquist, Brad Doyle, Robert Maisey and Natalie Boston

**Chairman Denis Benson called the meeting to order at 7:29 P.M.**

- 1. Changes or Additions to The Agenda:** Denis Benson notes additions Weston signs (to be discussed in New/Old Business), Mill Lane and Maisey access permit. Discussion of Inn parking lot in regards to Mill lane. Snow removal being the main concern. Discussion on Mill Lane/Inn. Discussion on Access Permit. Charles Goodwin moves to approve access permit, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
- 2. Public Comment:** None
- 3. Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall begins that the ATG (Big Truck) parts are not going to be in for 90 days. Truck is in limp mode. Received \$800 for work done so far and estimate for \$9,000 to complete. Discussion. Donald Hart suggests leasing a truck in its absence. Denis Benson asks about tires. Almon says he is waiting and is backordered. Almon goes on to say have a salt contract and have sand in.
- 4. DRB:** Deborah Granquist begins saying the DRB currently doesn't have complete members and alternatives. She wanted to bring to the Selectboard some recommendations for willing members. Lists suggestions for full members as well as alternatives. Discussion. Deborah goes on to say in the past they had operated with full members as well as 3-4 alternatives, benefit to having alternatives is they can learn the ropes and move up to full member down the road. Jim Linville notes in the letter that there are a lot of subdivision reviews and thinks that the DRB should have access to assets they need to do the job. Discussion. Deborah notes also a desire to have 1 joint meeting with Planning commission. Annie Fuji'i notes the Selectboard would go into executive session to discuss appointing members.
- 5. MVP Health Insurance:** Brad Doyle begins by saying that the options are still the same, MVP or Blue Cross and Blue Shield. 2% increase for MVP and Blue Cross and Blue Shield decreased but MVP has lower rates for 2022. 0.1% increase, a few changes. Jim Linville confirms the old premium of \$86,113.20 and the new of \$87,138.12. Jim Linville makes a motion to stay with MVP, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

6. **Peter Dernier: HS122 Penalties:** Jim Linville begins by saying that after last meeting he had 2 questions: Does the Selectboard have jurisdiction on this and the answer is yes. Also, Should they stop charging a penalty? Notes a few different variables to consider. Late filers cause extra work for the treasurers. If no penalty then may have more late filers causing even more work and costs of issuing new tax bills to late filers. Discussion. Jim Linville makes a motion to keep the penalty, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.* Jim Linville suggests a reminder for when due. Discussion. Suggestion of posting on the website.
7. **The Little School:** Electrician quote for the Little School electric panel upgrade is \$7,800. Jim Linville moves to approve, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.* Natalie Boston notes she is going to be meeting with the electrician on Friday to look at the generator and will make a quote for the instillation.
8. **Listers: Request for approval of an E&O:** Charles Goodwin moves to approve and sign, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
9. **Petition of T-Mobile Northeast:** No action needed, the Selectboard is informed of the work to be done.
10. **DTR:** Charles Goodwin moves to say the Selectboard reviewed and accepted the DTR, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
11. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Annie Fuji'i moves to approve, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
12. **SO #24 Payroll, SO #24 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to accept SO #24 Payroll for \$8,881.89, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved*  
Bruce Downer moves to approve SO #24 Vendors for the amount of \$916,623.07, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
13. **New/Old Business:** Denis Benson notes past suggestion of bypassing the scheduled meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion. Denis also notes beginning the budget meetings on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Take place on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> continued to the next week of the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Annie Fuji'i says this years Christmas in Weston is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> and there is a plan to have the tree lighting as well as "light up the town". Ask to provide lights and decorations for the Town Office. Request to let The Little School run an extension cord for their lights as they don't have an outside outlet. Denis Benson notes a concern of a power draw if cord isn't correct. Jim Linville suggests asking the electrician for a quote to install an outside outlet on The Little School. Denis Benson notes to not put on corner due to the snow accumulation.  
Jim Linville notes the Weston signs, Annie Fuji'i says that she will follow up with Jim on that. Denis Benson notes seeing more towns doing granite signs. No paint and can just clean up.  
Donald Hart notes in regards to the Mill Lane discussion: every county has a road commissioner if the Selectboard needs input from someone.  
Jim Linville moves to go into executive session 1 VSA S313A3 to discuss personnel, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

**In to executive session at 8:50 PM**

**Out of Executive session at 9:02 PM**

Charles Goodwin moves to appoint Tom Foster to the Development Review Board. DRB alternates to be appointed: Dan Hanenberg, Ryan Foster, and Alex Price. Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM**

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