

**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Absent:** Charles Goodwin

**Public:** Regina Downer, Kim Seymour, Almon Crandall, and Natalie Boston

**Chairman Denis Benson called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M.**

1. **Changes or Additions to The Agenda:** Denis Benson notes the Board will go into executive session to discuss personnel, Appointments of Town Officers as well as McCanna appeal.
2. **Public Comment:** Regina Downer, My Community Nurse Advocate, begins with an update on the Covid-19 pandemic in regards to the Delta Variant. She explains how the virus evolves (gives example of not taking all of an antibiotic). The goal is to cut down on reservoirs/hosts that will allow it to change or evolve more. She goes on to say no one knows how this new variant will go. Even with vaccine, there can and have been breakthrough cases and can still transmit with the vaccine. Notes that last year there was the requirements of masks and gloves and notes that no one wants to go back to that. Children under 12 cannot get vaccinated so concern over when school starts a possible rise in cases. Regina notes different places that are requiring masks again as well as Dartmouth requiring staff to be vaccinated. New variant is as spreadable as measles or chicken pox. Suggests staying away from indoor events, Annie Fuji'i asks about locations to get vaccinated, Regina lists local locations, vaccine type offered and phone numbers. Annie Fuji'i also asks about locations and cost for testing. Regina says that vaccines are at no cost and testing she is unsure, notes that she has never had to pay for a test. Regina notes that you can call 855-722-7878 and they will give you locations to get the vaccine. She also adds that you can contact her for further assistance getting vaccinated. Annie suggests adding Covid information to the town website and Jim Linville agrees. Natalie Boston will draft a notice and discuss it further with Regina.
3. **Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall starts saying that Wes has not begun the Trout Club Culvert yet and suspects it is due to being busy repairing damages done after recent heavy rain. Almon goes on to say the above ground tank is in and needing to finish the structure around it. He also brings up sand for the coming season from Rauls, hauling in (paid for sand last year but not trucking), will need to pay for trucking. Almon notes that they held the trucking cost this year but next year may

raise. Discussion on reason (fuel and wages up). Jim Linville asks about mud by the edge of pavement next to The Little School, asks if could put crushed stone and grass seed down. Almon say yes could be done but will keep happening as people park/drive on the edge. Discussion on mechanic coming to fix a piece of equipment. Denis Benson notes that the cost of the mowing per mile comes out to about \$407. Did 3 passes, Almon says while they are expensive they do a great job and are done in 2 days.

4. **Listers:** Could not make the meeting
5. **The Little School Floors:** Can't get another company to come out to even get an estimate.
6. **Tax Rate:** Jim Linville moves to approve the Homestead rate of 2.1307 and Non-Residential rate of 2.1887. Annie Fuji'i 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
7. **Delinquent Tax Report:** The selectboard received and reviewed the DTR and Jim Linville notes that he is amazed and has never seen such a short list.
8. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Jim Linville moves to approve the minutes for 7/27/2021, Annie Fuji'i 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
9. **SO #17 Payroll, SO #17 Vendors:** Bruce Downer moves to approve SO #17 Payroll for the amount of \$7,767.25, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*  
Jim Linville moves to approve SO #17 Vendors for the amount of \$24,255.91, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
10. **New/Old Business:** Denis Benson notes that the town received approximately half of what was estimated to receive for the Covid Relief Fund. Annie Fuji'i asks about the signs for the Bunker Hill curve and asks if Natalie Boston spoke to Meghan Brunswik about visiting to see what the Board wanted for signs. Natalie said yes, she spoke with her and the plan she had said was already in the work que so she was going to try and stop that first. Natalie will follow up with her about a meeting. Jim Linville notes the McCanna Appeal and Denis Benson suggests that be done in executive session.

**Jim Linville moves to go into executive session, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
*Unanimously approved.***

**Board goes into executive session at 8:07 PM**

**Board comes out of Executive session at 8:48 PM**

Jim Linville moved to authorize Merrill Bent to enter a notice of appearance in the matter of the McCanna appeal. Ann Fuji'i seconded. *Approved unanimously.*

Jim Linville moved to authorize the administrative assistant to the selectboard to investigate the purchase of a laser jet printer for the SB office, an air purifier for the SB office, and an air purifier for the conference room. Furthermore, the administrative assistant to the selectboard is requested to get a Covid test before the next SB meeting on August 24. Bruce Downer seconded. *Approved unanimously.*

Jim Linville moved to Pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Town of Weston has enacted zoning bylaws and subdivision bylaws pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 17; and  
WHEREAS, This Board has established a planning commission and a zoning board of adjustment as authorized by provisions of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 to, among other responsibilities, assist in the administration of the above said bylaws; and  
WHEREAS, This Board is authorized to establish a development review board to perform all development review functions under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 pursuant to Section 4461 (a).

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board that it shall establish for the Town of Weston effective August 11, 2021, a development review board which shall consist of 7 members and shall have the authority to exercise all of the functions of the zoning board of adjustment as set forth in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, and shall further exercise all development review functions performed by the planning commission pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the development review board shall serve for terms of 3 years, except that initial terms shall be as set forth below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are appointed to the development review board for the terms set forth below:

Carrie Chalmers	1 year (term expires in 2022)
Debra Lyneis	1 year (term expires in 2022)
Jeff Lennox	2 years (term expires in 2023)
Ann Fuji'i	2 years (term expires in 2023)
Susan Morris	3 years (term expires in 2024)
Allison Stori-Hopkins	3 years (term expires in 2024)
Deborah Granquist	3 years (term expires in 2024)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board may appoint up to 3 alternate members of the development review board whose terms will be one year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all matters presently pending before the zoning board of adjustment shall be completed by the zoning board of adjustment, and, upon completion of all pending matters, the zoning board of adjustment shall then cease to exist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all land use review matters presently pending before the planning commission shall be completed by the planning commission.

Dated at Weston, Vermont this 10th day of August, 2021.

Ann Fuji'i seconds. *Approved unanimously.*

Jim Linville moves the following appointments to the planning commission:

James A Young to a 4 year term, expiring 2025.

Allison Stori-Hopkins to a 3 year term, expiring in 2024.

Alan Knapp to a 1 year term, expiring in 2022.

(Alan Knapp was previously an alternate but the statutes do not allow alternates on planning commissions.)

Ann Fuji'i seconds. Approved unanimously.

Jim Linville Moves to adjourn, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.**

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