**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 13th, 2022 at 7:30 PM**

**Present**: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Charles Goodwin, Ann Fuji’i and Lisa Yrsha

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Natalie Boston, Donald Hart Kieran Mckenna, Ken Hall, Regina Downer, Ryan Hart, Lee Phillips Almon Crandall, Marry Ann Klumik(?), Geof Brown, Peter Miller, Will Freeman, Jennifer Probst, Jessica Clapp (Zoom), Deborah Granquist (Zoom) and Kim Seymour (Zoom)

Denis Benson calls the meeting to order at 7:27 PM

1. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Jim Linville and Lisa Yrsha note a few minor corrections to the minutes of August 23rd. Jim Linville moves to approve the minutes with corrections, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*Charles Goodwin approves the minutes from August 30th.
2. **Changes and Additions to the Agenda:** Denis Benson notes adding to Old/New business at the end of the meeting Flag pole lighting, Tree Warden and Changes to Driveway Access Permits.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall begins saying that they should finish the last grant project tomorrow so paperwork may be submitted by the end of the month. The generator platform is complete and the generator is mounted. Natalie Boston will arrange to have propane and electric connected. Almon also mentions that the truck that had been ordered has been built. Denis Benson mentions that there have been a lot of residents in Weston putting down blacktop on their driveways. Issue is that it has been done in town Right Of way and concern of issues with drainage as well as concern that plows and grading will damage it. Discussion. Ryan Hart notes that he has seen a company soliciting the town to pave driveways. Denis Benson notes adding something to the driveway permits on this and also mentions zoning rewrite. Discussion. Denis Benson also mentions a tree that he would like the Tree Warden Ray Mara to take a look at in Maple Grove Cemetery. Discussion. Natalie Boston will contact him to take a look.
5. **ARPA Funds:** Jim Linville begins explaining what The Selectboard is looking to gain from public input. He also emphasizes that they must adhere to the rules and guidelines of how the funds can be used. He also thinks it would be more beneficial to choose fewer projects to distribute to in order to make a bigger impact with the funds. Denis Benson also notes that it was said not to start any projects that down the road will take tax payers money. The Selectboard hears the input from the public on how the ARPA funds should be distributed. Ken Hall says he thinks the funding should be focused on the nonprofit community that was directly affected by Covid. Will Freeman and Peter Miller speak on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Deborah Granquist speaks on behalf of the Library. Regina Downer and Lee Philips speak on My Community Nurse. Discussion. Charles Goodwin also notes the offer from resident Allison Stori Hopkins to be a facilitator to assist in expanding the community discussion on this. Discussion. The Selectboard requests to have any hard numbers and requests for funding in to the Selectboard by November 1st to be reviewed.
6. **Ryan Hart and Geof Brown- Christmas in Weston:** Ryan Hart begins by saying in 2020 with Covid, Christmas in Weston had been canceled. Deciding to hold it in 2021 it ended up being very successful and lots of people came out. This year will be larger and in reviewing last year, request to shut down Park street as well as seek the Selectboard input on closing a portion on Lawrence Hill rd. Ryan emphasizes their concern and focus on safety. Discussion. At the mention of Food Trucks Annie Fuji’i notes that there is a Vendor Ordinance and food trucks must be approved by The Vendor Ordinance Administrator Barbra Lloyd. Discussion on this as well as plans for fireworks. The Fire Department will write up a request for the Selectboard to sign off on.
7. **Fuel Bids:** Natalie Boston notes that she did not receive any more bids so the same 2 as the last meeting: Cota and Cota and Marcell. After reviewing the bids and discussion, Lisa Yrsha moves to go with Marcell’s bid, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
8. **Riverbank Brush Cleanup:** Natalie Boston says that she tried looking in the files but could not find a file on how it was done in the past. Discussion.
9. **Natalie Scanner Request:** Natalie Boston had sent an email letting the selectboard know that her scanner has not been working and requests found one similar to the one she had for $119.99. Jim Linville moves to approve, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
10. **Delinquent Tax Report:** Jim Linville moves to have the minutes reflect the Selectboard Received and reviewed, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
11. **SO #20 Payroll/ SO #20 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to approve SO# 20 payroll for the amount of $21,173.05, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*Jim Linville moves to approve SO #20 Vendors for the amount of $20,481.08, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
12. **New/ Old Business:** Denis Benson notes to Natalie Boston to get together with Kim Seymour and Almon Crandall to create a bill for the work done for the Weston Priory.
Discussion on the light installation on the flag pole. Received a quote for the work. Decision to look into other options more.
The Selectboard received a letter regarding a question on if there could be some weeding done in the river by the dam on Lawrence Hill road. This part time resident says that she enjoys the sound of the river and the weeds obstruct the water flow so she can no longer hear it. Jim Linville says he reached out to her and explained that with the rain it helps with the sound of the river. Discussion on brush clean up.
Discussion on the Town Constable. Lisa Yrsha notes that at the next Town Meeting can vote to eliminate the position. Since the town hired Pat Salo for animal control the position is not needed. Lisa Yrsha also notes that when Syd Straw was elected at Town Meeting there were some formalities that were never done and a bonding issue so will need to be discussed. Will be on the Warning for Town Meeting.
Denis Benson suggests a Selectboard Member begin a draft for an addition to driveway access permits regarding putting in blacktop on a driveway. Lisa Yrsha notes the need for enforcement of this. Also notes mentioning it to the Planning Commission since they are in the process of rewriting zoning laws. Discussion.

Charles Goodwin moves to adjourn, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.***Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM**