

TOWN OF WESTON

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2021 at 7:30 PM

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

Absent: None

Public: Kim Seymour, Jessica Clapp and Natalie Boston

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

- 1. Changes or Additions to The Agenda:** Jim Linville notes that #3 on the agenda (Peter Dernier: Contesting Late Filing Homestead Penalty Fee) has been postponed to the next meeting along with noting that the Board would be going into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.
- 2. Public Comment:** None
- 3. Peter Dernier: Contesting Late Filing Homestead Penalty Fee:** Postponed
- 4. The Little School: Grant, Electrical/Generator:** Jim Linville asks Natalie Boston if she has anything for this. Natalie Boston explains that The Little School found out that they would most likely not qualify for the grant they had been looking into so decided to not move forward with that. As for the Electrical they had hoped to have a quote done but had not been able to get one yet. Jim Linville asks about the survey progress and Natalie says that she had been trying to get a hold of him to find out when he would be there next but had been having trouble getting a hold of him. Denis Benson asks about the status of the floors being refinished. Natalie says they still have the one quote but have been having a hard time getting a 2nd quote done.
- 5. Progress Report on Scoping Study:** Jim Linville asks Kim Seymour if she has copies of all the materials, she confirms yes and Jim asks if many people have come in to look at it. Kim says a few but not many. Jim goes on to encourage residents to check it out and fill out the survey to see what options they like and don't like. Annie Fuji'i notes that in a recent meeting there seemed to have been some confusion between traffic control study and pedestrian Scoping Study. Annie says she believes that are somewhat related but might consider another traffic control study, notes that a lot of complaints that first speed study was done on a busy weekend. Denis Benson disagrees. Discussion. Jim Linville suggests having Natalie Boston see how much it would be to rent some LED speed signs for a few months. Denis Benson notes he is very against LED Signs in town. Discussion. Charles Goodwin volunteers to call ? because he recently went through and they had a small, discreet orange sign (Not LED). Charles goes on to explain and describe. Discussion.
- 6. Library Sign:** Jessica Clapp begins by saying that the library had wanted a sign for quite some time. The library conducted a survey this summer and found that a large number of residents don't know where the library is. Jessica says the library would like to work with the selectboard to select a location. Discussion on possible spots ("island" between post

office and the Green). Denis Benson notes possibly needing permission from the state as it is a state road. May need to apply for a state sign and have to pay a 1 time fee. All on the selectboard are for a sign to direct people to the library. Jim Linville notes having one facing each way. Natalie Boston and Jessica Clapp will contact VTrans and see what can be done.

7. **Fuel Bids:** Natalie Boston says that HB Energy decided they would not be submitting a bid. Discussion. Charles Goodwin moves to accept Cota and Cota's fixed price of \$2.57/ Gallon, Bruce Downer 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
8. **Audit:** Charles Goodwin moves to table till the next meeting, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
9. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Discussion, Jim Linville moves to table, Annie Fuji'i 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
10. **SO #21 Payroll, SO #21 Vendors:** Bruce Downer moves to accept SO#21 for the amount of \$7,272.67, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
Bruce Downer moves to accept SO #21 for the amount of \$17,790.41, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*
11. **New/Old Business:** Denis Benson notes that there appears to be room in the Surepack Budget. Jim Linville asks if there is room. Discussion.

Jim Linville moves to go into executive session 1 VSA 313(a)(2) – Personnel. Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

Selectboard goes into executive session at 8:08 PM

Selectboard comes out of Executive session at 8:36 PM

Charles Goodwin moves to appoint Geof Brown, Annie Fuji'i and Robert Vesota to the Planning Commission, Bruce Downer 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

Charles Goodwin moves to appoint Syd Straw as Animal Control Officer, Dennis Benson 2nd. *Unanimously approved.*

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM