

TOWN OF WESTON

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12th, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Present: Denis Benson, Jim Linville

Absent: Lisa Yrsha

Public: Shawna Batogowski, Donald Hart, Jennifer Probst, Almon Crandall and Ken Hall

Zoom: Charles Goodwin, Annie Fuji'i and Jennifer Probst

Denis Benson calls the meeting to order at 7:32pm

1. **Road Foreman Almon Crandall:** Almon says that the road crew is still working on flood repairs and that is going well. He thinks that there are a few more plugged coverts on Trout Club RD. that will need to be addressed. Denis Benson would like to know if we have gotten quotes on winter sand and if we have looked into getting winter tires and chains. Almon states that he hasn't done those things yet but will be doing them soon.
2. **Review and Approve minutes:** Jim Linville moves to approve minutes with one spelling correction. Shawna Batogowski will make correction. *A second to approve motion by Charles Goodwin was made and unanimously approved.*
3. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** Denis Benson states that he would like to advertise the two available spots on the Planning Commission. Jim Linville says he will speak with Lexi Young about advertising. Annie Fuji'i agrees to write and place the ad for the openings on the Planning Commission.
4. **Public Comment:** Donald Hart says that when reading newspapers from surrounding towns he does see ads for similar positions posted.
5. **Conservation Commission-Ken Hall:** Ken Hall presented his concerns regarding his requests for documents from the Conservation Commission and from the USDA Forrest Service. Jim Linville agreed to file a FIOA request to the Forrest Service on behalf of the Selectboard for "emails, hard copy correspondence and notes of phone calls between members of the Weston Conservation Commission and the staff of Green Mountain National Forest regarding the trail and associated signage along Forest service road 299 in Weston from Oct. 7th through June 2nd

2023". In addition it was agreed that the Selectboard would review its response to Mr. Hall's original request for documents in May of 2023.

6. **Interlocal Recreation Director Position Agreement-Draft:** Denis Benson would like to ask for a financial statement before signing the agreement. Jim Linville has concerns with section #14 in the agreement. Annie Fuji'i also expressed that we should have a meeting with them to get a better understanding of what is expecting of the Town of Weston. *Charles Goodwin moved to table this discussion, seconded by Jim Linville and unanimously agreed.*
7. **Open Fuel Bids:** No fuel bid had been sent. Shawna Batogowski sent them on Sept. 12th 2023 and will let everyone know once she receives them.
8. **FEMA Update:** Jim Linville read an email from Lisa Yrsha saying that she would like would like for people to turn in their hours so that they can submit them for CAT Z reimbursement. He reads that Emergency fixes and Secondary fixes and complete and states that we should look into upgrades for the future. Jim reads that VTrans did the bridge repair and not the Army Corp. He also says he would like to have VTrans complete a commentary survey on possible solutions/upgrades for future floods.
9. **SO#20 Payroll/SO #20 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to approve SOP#20 Payroll aggregated amount of \$7455.46 *seconded by Charles Goodwin and unanimously approved.* Jim Linville moves to approve SO#20B *seconded by Charles Goodwin and unanimously approved*
10. **New and Old Business:** Kim Seymour says that the fire and Co2 detectors are on their last legs and we have to replace them. She says that they are \$55.00 at the hardware store in Londonderry and do we want her to check at Home depot? Denis Benson asked Jennifer Probst if she can look into sourcing them from a program at the Fire Department. Jennifer said she would try and Kim Seymour took down her contact info.
Jim Linville, moved to go into Executive Session at 8:48pm to discuss personnel,(1VSA sec. 313) *seconded by Denis Benson and approved unanimously.*
9:23pm Jim Linville moves to exit, *seconded by Charles Goodwin and unanimously approved*
Meeting adjourned by chair at 9:24pm.

Denis Benson, Chair

Jim Linville, Vice Chair

Anne Fuji'i, Secretary

Lisa Yrsha

Charles Goodwin
