

TOWN OF WESTON
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**LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD AGENDA
MARCH 24, 2020 7:15 PM**

Present: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Ann Fuji'i, Charles "Tim" Goodwin, Bruce Downer

Absent: None

Public: Kim Seymour, Miriah Downing (GNAT-TV), Bruce Frauman (Chester Telegraph)

Meeting called was to order by Jim Linville, Vice Chair at 7:20 pm

1. **Any Requested Changes to the Agenda:** None
 2. **Public Comment:** None
 3. **Liquor License Renewal:**
 - **Weston Village Store - 2nd Class to Sell Malt and Vinous** Ann Fuji'i moved to approve; 2nd by Tim Goodwin; unanimously approved
 - **Brandmeyer's – 1st Class to Sell Malt & Vinous; Outside Consumption** Ann Fuji'i moved to approve both licenses; 2nd by Tim Goodwin; unanimously approved
 4. **New & Old Business:** None
 5. **Adjourned:** Vice Chair, Jim Linville adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm
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**SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
March 24, 2020 at 7:30 PM**

Present: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Annie Fuji'i, Charles "Tim" Goodwin, Bruce Downer

Absent: None

Public: Kim Seymour, Miriah Downing (GNAT-TV), Bruce Frauman (Chester Telegraph)

Meeting called to order by Chair, Denis Benson at 7:30 pm

1. **Any Requested Changes to the Agenda:** addition to Excess Weight Permits: St. Pierre, Inc.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Road Foreman** - not this meeting
4. **Excess Weight Permit** Tim Goodwin moved to approve the 3 excess weight permit requests; 2nd by Ann Fuji'i. Unanimously approved.
 - **Miller Construction**
 - **Fabian Earth Moving**
 - **St. Pierre, Inc.**
5. **VTRANS** – Jim Linville moved to approve Financial Info as presented and Selectboard members sign the Certificate of Compliance; 2nd by Bruce Downer. Unanimously approved.
 - **Approve Financial Info**
 - **Sign Certificate of Compliance**

6. **COVID-19** – Opening by Denis Benson; discussion on Loans from SBA-post, put on website for local businesses.

- **Motion from Jim Linville to pay Assistant Town Clerk, Deborah Moser through April 15th based on emergency law with 2nd by Tim Goodwin. Unanimously approved.**
- Jim Linville began discussion about sending a post card to Weston residents (approx. cost of \$600) with important numbers to call for food, housing, assistance, (i.e. Neighborhood Connections, Just Neighbors, Town Office, Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, etc.). Something spearheaded by Debbie and Wayne Granquist.
 - Suggestions from Denny Benson and Ann Fuji'i asked this not duplicate other efforts (check with EMD and LVRS). Bruce Downer commented the community nurse would be able to help with information as well. Denny requested that Kim Seymour or Regina Downer check with EMD. Any info pertinent to the post card should be given to Granquists.
 - **Jim Linville moved that Selectboard authorize proceeding with this as long as it is not duplication and does not exceed \$600; 2nd by Tim Goodwin. Unanimously approved.**

7. **Little School** - The Little School has requested April, 2020 rent be waived due to the closure of the school per State mandate; Denny suggests we see what relief is coming from the Federal Government for schools before doing this as there may be programs to help. If not, then the Selectboard can make it retroactive. **Jim Linville moved to wait on the request [pending possible Federal Assistance]; 2nd by Bruce Downer. Unanimously approved.**

8. **Review and Approve Minutes**

- **March 10, 2020** - Tim Goodwin moved to approve the minutes; 2nd by Jim Linville. Unanimously approved.
- **Town Meeting Minutes** – Tim Goodwin moved to approve the minutes; 2nd by Jim Linville. Unanimously approved

• **SO #6 Payroll, SO #6 Vendors**

- **Payroll** – Jim Linville moved to approve Payroll Warrant #6 for \$5,949.75; 2nd from Bruce Downer. Unanimously approved.

9. **Vendors** – Bruce Downer moved to approve Vendor Warrant #6 for \$22,532.44; 2nd by Jim Linville. Unanimously approved.

10. **New & Old Business**

- **Change to Budget??** - Denny suggested that given the rise in unemployment and uncertainty evolving, the Selectboard should consider not funding the appropriations for Fire, Bridge, to lower the tax rate. This might require a special meeting, but research is needed. Denny suggested a call to the SOS office to see how/if we go about changing the budget once it has been approved at TM. Kim will call SOS; Jim will call VLCT. Jim thought it would be worth discussing how the benefits of a potential reduction in the tax rate would affect tenants (who might be in more need) as compared to landlords (who might be in less need). In response, Denny asked if it would be possible to determine how many full-time rental properties (not Air B&B) there are to see how many people might be affected.

- **SB Admin Candidates** – Bruce has reviewed the applications received so far. Discussion about how to proceed. Jim suggests sending a letter of thank you to candidates advising we are not proceeding with interviewing due to the uncertainty of COVID-19. Ann suggested that we do interviews so we are ready to go when we can. Input from Tim that the job description could be scaring people off. There may be many more applicants now that businesses are having to lay off staff. **Bruce Downer made the motion to run the job ads again; 2nd by Ann Fuji'i. Unanimously approved.**
- Discussion that Kim Seymour would cover until someone is hired to take SB Admin position. Need to have position filled by June 1st to allow time for training before Election 'season". Selectboard hours to be tracked separately from TC/TT. Doesn't include grant writing and will be compensated at hourly rate of prior employee. **Ann Fuji'i moved to appoint Kim Seymour as interim acting assistant to Selectboard until permanent replacement is hired or June 1st whichever is 1st; 2nd by Jim Linville. Unanimously approved.**
- Comment from Bruce Frauman that distance [of job applicants] from job isn't always an issue as their admin assistant [at Chester Telegraph] drives an hour to work.
- Denny will sign the next pay order/vender order on March 31st for the one-week pay period.
- Next meeting April 14th.
- Request for planting trees near the new Knowlton house on Fields Drive was discussed. **Motion was made by Jim Linville to notify Knowlton's landscaper they can plant the trees, but they are responsible for planting the trees outside of the Town's Right of Way; Town will not be responsible for damage if the trees in the Right of Way; 2nd by Tim Goodwin. Unanimously approved.**

11. Executive Session (if needed) None

- 1 VSA §313(a)(3)

12. Adjourn at 8:20 pm