

**TOWN OF WESTON**  
**P.O. BOX 98**  
**WESTON, VT 05161-0098**  
**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 12, 2020 7:30 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Ann Fuji'i, Charles ("Tim") Goodwin, Bruce Downer

**ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC:** Kim Seymour, Natalie Boston, Bruce Frauman, Deborah Granquist, Ryan Foster, Will Goodwin

Denis Benson called to order: 7:32 PM

- 1) Changes to the Agenda:** CAI contract renewal: Moved to New Business (#11)
- 2) Public Comment:** Deborah Granquist request that #3 and #4 be switched on the agenda due to Ryan Foster (library's architect) attending and having a presentation. Charles Goodwin Moves to switch per request and Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
- 3) Wilder Memorial Library:** Deborah Granquist begins with saying when the library began fixing the entrance they did not believe a permit would be needed. Ryan Foster begins presentation with showing current condition, the proposed plan and site work. Back and forth discussion on comparing this to the Little School ramp, library currently non confirmative, and questioning if decision made will be setting a precedent for. Ryan Foster gives definition of building front line which says that steps are not included in in the building front line. Charles Goodwin brings up the issue with the ramp on Town Hall, asks if there is a plan to prevent same issue from happening. Ryan Foster confirms yes, going to use an expansion joint to prevent. *Denis Benson suggests that after discussion; decided a special permit is not needed. A copy of minutes will be sent to the library to keep on record as well as Will Goodwin sending an email saying based on Ryan Fosters finding of the definition of a building front line a permit will not be needed.* Denis Benson brings up the road paving on Lawrence Hill Road and wonders about project timeline. Ryan Foster says they start Monday and the goal is to have the paving contractor there at the same time as the road paving (no damage to new paving). Jim

Linville talked to Almon Crandall and they plan to start paving in the next couple (3) weeks.

- 4) House moving project (John Coughlin):** Deborah Granquist is chair of Zoning Board of Adjustment but does not believe there is a conflict. Project going forward, hearing being scheduled. Library is a town building and house being moved is extremely close (foundation and eaves of Library hang over house), Deborah recommends that at least one Selectboard member and one trustee attend the zoom hearing on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7. Will be no site visit but will recommend that ZBA visit site prior to the hearing to see proximity of foundations. Coughlin house sits on property line of library and Wilder Homestead Inn. Plan is to move house 5 feet south away from Lawrence Hill Road.
- 5) Grand list (Linda Sherman) Signature:** Kim Seymour explains this is needed to give extension if needed. Charles Goodwin moves to sign, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

**6) Generator to Serve The Little School and Town Offices Follow Up**

Discussion on used generator in Chester, Charles Goodwin suggests calling Fred, Jim Linville notes it should be “fired up” to make sure works. Discussion on residential unit vs. Industrial unit. Questioning on residential unit serving current needs vs future needs; may need to accept the need to purchase another in the somewhat near future. 1<sup>st</sup> Decision to be residential or industrial unit. Denis notes that ***someone from The Little School should be involved in the purchase*** since will affect them as well. Jim Linville has been in contact with The Little School, their main interest is to not send students and teachers home if power goes out. Charles Goodwin questions the need for the generator to run heat pumps as well. *Charles Goodwin says he will call Fred tomorrow.* Annie Fuji'i asks if used one in Chester could do Heat pumps; Charles Goodwin confirms yes. Annie Fuji'i asks about price comparison, Jim Linville gives rough estimate: Residential \$10,000 + with all instillation costs, Industrial \$20,000 - \$25,000. Brings up even if could get the one in Chester for free, could pay up to \$10,000 to transport, repair and get running. Hasn't been run in 3-4 years. Bruce Downer asks all if they had to make a decision right then what would they want, over all consensus was all in favor of a new industrial (guarantee to work/ warrantee and will cover all current and future needs). *Jim Linville makes a motion to buy a new industrial generator,*

*Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>.* Denis Benson brings up where the funding will come from. Kim Seymour says there is funding in the SPAM Account. Jim Linville referred to the budget: \$15,000 for a generator (plus The Little School contributing). Bruce Downer amends to **explore options: Unanimously approved. Denis Benson states it should be put out for bid: just generator/wiring to Town Office.** *Jim Linville and Charles Goodwin will write up specs with Mike Savage. Natalie Boston will reach out to the Little School to see if a Parent may have expertise to assist with this.*

**7) Speed In Village Follow Up:**

Bruce Downer spoke with Mark Pickering and can get **one** cart for free in place in next couple weeks; where should it be placed? Recently noticed signage in town: 3 facing each way for 30 mph, still thinks worth trying. In his opinion the “problem” area seems to be southern end of town towards Londonderry. Discussion on best location. Denis Benson suggests one week on south end going into Londonderry, one week coming from Londonderry. Charles Goodwin notes it should not be placed in front of the church. Bruce Downer gets the go ahead.

**8) Financial Summary Follow up:** Kim Seymour shares found interest rates from banks for borrowing ½ from a bank and ½ from special funds. Community Bank has best rate. *Charles Goodwin makes a motion to follow the recommendation of the Weston Town Treasurer (Kim Seymour) Annie Fuji'i 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.*

**9) Review and Approve Minutes April 28, 2020:** Annie Fuji'i makes motion to accept the minutes from the last Selectboard meeting, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved*

**10) SO #10 Payroll :** Bruce Downer makes a motion to accept and pay \$7,251.19 to payroll, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved*

**SO #10 Vendors:** Jim Linville makes a motion to accept and pay \$19,143.25 to Vendors, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved*

**11) Old / New Business:** Denis Benson brings up that during lawn clean up lots of Slates from the Little School roof were found. Has been brought to the Little School Board.

Natalie will follow up with Will Goodwin on flood plain/height for Generator.

Jim Linville received a call from Donald Hart thanking for regrading Greendale Road.

Jim Linville also brings up Carol MacLaury tending garden on Laurence Hill road,  
Charles Goodwin Makes a motion to pay \$225 for Mulch, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously  
approved*

Denis Benson mentions Green Up day, typically use a town truck. Annie Fuji'i confirms a  
Truck will be needed and is planned to be held at the end of the month as well as  
holding a little "party" on the green for the volunteers. Let Almon Crandall know truck  
is needed.

Charles Goodwin Moves to Adjourn, Jim Linville 2nd

**12) Adjourn: 9:01PM**

**Weston Selectboard:**

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Denis Benson, Chair

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Jim Linville, Vice Chair

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Anne Fuji'i, Secretary

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Bruce Downer

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Charles Goodwin