

**TOWN OF WESTON**  
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**WESTON, VT 05161-0098**  
**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 10, 2020 7:30 PM**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC:** Almon Crandall, Cherise Forbes, Kim Seymour and Natalie Boston

**Denis Benson called to order at 7:30 PM**

1. **Changes To The Agenda:** Denis Benson notes the addition of FY2021 Education Fund later on.
  2. **Public Comment:** None
  3. **Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall not present yet so move on to Little School generator until he arrives.
  4. **Little School Generator:** Jim Linville begins with announcing last Friday him and Mike Savage went with a borrowed trailer and picked up the Generator that had been donated. Mike Savage looked over what he would have to do for instillation, won't do an automatic switch. Notes that in research and looking for parts you can't buy a generator right now as they are all sold out. All of the people moving into VT want a generator, delivery dates for switches in 2021. Mike proposed peeling wire out of junction box on the north east corner, putting in a manual switch, and then running wire around edge of the building to near where propane tanks are. **7:34 PM Almon Crandall arrives.** Denis Benson notes he is present and suggests going back to #3. Almon Crandall says he was listening and found it interesting. Jim Linville finishes up by continuing that Mike plans on putting a receptacle on the south side of TLS and running a 110AC through where the furnace vent is. Almon Crandall notes considering having the trailer tongue removable so it can't be stolen. Jim Linville says it currently has a lock on it.
- 3. (Continued):** Almon Crandall begins by saying have the grant through Windom Regional Commission in the works for storm water runoff. Was sprung quick and will be finished by June. Has begun stock piling stone, will get paid for the stone but not for the trucking/ labor. Charles Goodwin asks if have stone on this order and Almon says no. Jim Linville asks if the stone is to line drainage ditches and Almon explains it will be to bring up to code. Discussion on locations and possibility to replace 2 culverts. Denis Benson asks Almon about the 2022

Better Back Roads Grant, Almon says doesn't want to do too many at once as it can get confusing/hard to keep track of. Jim Linville asks about a \$170,000 grant for Trout Club rd. and Almon says no new news, in line and hopes for this coming spring. Kim Seymour asks about considering taking out a short term loan like done for retaining wall on Lawrence Hill rd.. Jim Linville says he believes that a box culvert is the only smart way to go but mentions one alternative. Notes big metal plates Almon has, could excavate where the split is in the culvert and put above (roof over the split). Jim Linville thinks should go ahead with planning and try and get grant. If don't receive a grant hope for one in the future. Denis Benson suggests discussing closer to budget time.

- 4 (Continued).** : Jim Linville says that Mike Savage thinks the job won't exceed \$15,000. Mike is glad to do the job. Jim thinks it feels right and won't go over \$3,000. Jim Linville moves to authorize Mike Savage to wire the generator for the Little School with understanding that the work won't exceed \$3,000, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.* Charles Goodwin asks about feedback from Gary Beckman, Jim Linville says he sent him a picture of the generator saying thank you and is working on a letter from the Little School with an estimate on what the market value of the generator is. It hasn't been sent yet but will be soon. Jim Linville mentions the offer from Blue Flame to donate fuel for the generator. After discussion decided that may not be worth the trouble, will set up with a manual switch. Have a ball valve hookup so no need for new tanks. Jim Linville asks about last meetings vote to get the property surveyed. As the minutes were written and his understanding had discussed getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> bid but the final motion and vote didn't include 2 bids. Denis Benson asks why we can't figure out elevation with what we currently have. Jim Linville notes that a permit will most likely need a survey. Denis Benson notes the sewer lines and to his knowledge no exact knowledge of where they are. Discussion on last meetings vote and Jim Linville given confirmation to move forward with survey.
- 5. NEMRC:** Jim Linville asks Kim Seymour the annual support of \$5,000 per year, what was it this year. Kim Seymour says it has gone up substantially but had sent a letter saying it would be going up about a year ago. Had been around \$1,400. Have \$5,000 in budget, no agreement in file but thinks they are just following up and putting paper to solidify things. Charles Goodwin moves for Denis Benson to sign, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
- 6. Payment Schedule FY 2021 Education Fund:** The Selectboard members received and reviewed. Kim Seymour notes that down a little from last year but the local one is up a little.
- 7. Delinquent Tax Report:** Jim Linville asks how it looked historically. Kim Seymour says that it is higher than normal. Denis Benson asks if this included the big one, Kim says no. Closing date is expected in early December.

- 8. Review and Approve Minutes 10/27/2020:** Charles Goodwin moves to approve the minutes, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
- 9. SO #24 Payroll:** Jim Linville moves to accept SO #24 Payroll for the amount of \$10,962.02, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved*
- SO #24 Vendors:** Bruce Downer moves to approve SO #24 Vendors for the amount of \$952,092.83, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
- 10. New/Old Business:** Denis Benson asks about a building to meet to do the budget. Jim Linville thinks this is a good idea to meet in person vs. zoom. Suggests a few tables in Walker Farm and says he will call Suzanna. Charles Goodwin asks about the Playhouse Livingroom. Discussion on the two locations. Jim Linville notes either way will have to pay. Charles Goodwin notes only paid to use for voting due to Covid. Historically would favor the playhouse. Jim Linville will call Suzanna and check possibility and Charles Goodwin will talk to Mike Savage. Denis Benson says will do as done in the past and plan for right after the first of the year. Discussion on who's up, Jim Linville and Bruce Downer are.
- Jim Linville moves to heartedly thank Kim and Deb for all the work running voting for the election.

Charles Goodwin moved to adjourn, Denis Benson 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved*

**Adjourn at 8:25 PM**