

**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 13, 2021 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Donald Hart, Mallory Hopkins, Kim Seymour, Almon Crandall, Greg Carroll, **Dan LAST NAME?** and Natalie Boston

**Chairman Denis Benson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.**

1. **Changes to The Agenda:** Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund: Denis Benson notes the Selectboard will need to go into executive session to discuss Personnel. Review Tax Rate will be discussed later.

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Not there yet so move on to #4 on the Agenda.

**Listers Town- Wide Reappraisal:** Greg Carroll begins saying that the last time a town-wide reappraisal was done was in 2005. Discussion on sales and reasons for the need to have done. Denis Benson notes that he believes right now may not be the best time for that as we are in a "Bubble" as far as Covid housing boom. Annie Fuji'i notes that the process would take a while. Greg says that due to Covid most appraisers are booked out 3 years but **Russ LAST NAME?**, who the town has used in the past, could start this fall. Cost would be approximately \$70,000, Discussion on timeline. Discussion on CLA and COD. Denis Benson questions how that would affect the Land Schedule. Discussion on Proval System the town uses. Decided that the Listers will find out some more information and come back to the next Selectboard meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall begins saying the new above ground diesel tank will arrive next week and they have been prepping for that. It is a 1,000 gallon tank and needs a bunker above ground (3 walls and a roof). Purpose of this is no need for the license just needs to be inspected by the fire marshal. Almon goes on to say have also been working on the Storm Water Grant, doing work on Kyle road and asks about hiring Jeff Yrsha to use his backhoe. Jim Linville moves to authorize Almon to Hire Jeff Yrsha, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.* Almon Crandall also notes that there have been a few complaints about some roads but it has to stop raining before they can do anything. Jim Linville notes he has heard a few complaints about the puddles in front of The Little School and along Lawrence Hill rd. Almon says that they could fill in but will keep coming back because people park off the road on the grass. Discussion on the Annual Fiscal Plan and meeting with Meghan Brunk. The Selectboard reviews and signs.

4. **Listers Town-Wide Reappraisal:** Discussed earlier

5. **Speed Sign Letter:** Denis Benson mentions that from his understanding from Meghan the town is at the limit of signs. Jim Linville agrees and says there are too many signs, will need to replace/get rid of some. Charles Goodwin suggests changing "Town" to "Village" in the letter. Bruce Downer confirms 2 LED Speed Signs. Discussion on proposed location

possibilities. Donald Hart mentions that if the sign is placed by the fire station, drivers coming off of Chester Mountain road would miss it. Annie Fuji'i notes that those drivers need to come to a full stop before going into town. Charles Goodwin moves to adopt the letter, Jim Linville 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

6. **Town Clerk Door:** Charles Goodwin moves to table, thought on if the door would be intimidating or a barrier to the public. \$560 to turn the Town Clerks door into a Dutch door. Discussion on public space. Denis Benson suggests putting up a chain between the desks in the Clerk's office to prevent people from coming behind. *Yay: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Charles Goodwin and Annie Fuji'i. Nay: Bruce Downer.*
7. **Administrative Assistant Remote Access:** Natalie Boston says that she has been discussing with Kim Seymour and she found that Google has a remote access program that is free so is all set.
8. **Appointment of Town Officers:** Jim Linville moves to table. Jim notes that the Selectboard recognizes the board has been putting off due to the possible change to the Development Review Board structure. Notes that until new people are appointed, previous officers remain in the positions. A lot of moving parts.
9. **Tax Rate:** The board reviews the 2021 tax rate. Discussion on funding for the Trout Club Culvert and how fits in/ effects the tax rate. Kim Seymour will look into and review possible changes and table till the Next meeting
10. **Delinquent Tax Report:** The Selectboard receives and reviews the Delinquent tax report.
11. **Review and Approve Minutes:** 6/22/2021: A few minor changes noted. Jim Linville moves to approve with changes, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*  
6/29/2021: Jim Linville Approves and signs
12. **SO#15 Payroll, SO#15 Vendors:** Bruce Downer moves to approve SO #15 Payroll for the amount of \$7,659.79, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*  
Jim Linville moves to approve SO# 15 Vendors for the amount of \$14,552.34, Charles Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*
13. **New/Old Business:** Charles Goodwin brings up the towns need to hire an engineer to go and review a local development. Discussion. Charles Goodwin moves to hire an engineer of fill the duty for the towns best interest with the job, Bruce Downer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jim Linville suggests talking to Everett Hammond (engineer the Town is working with on the Trout Club rd. Culvert) and get a possible bid package. *Unanimously approved.*

**Jim Linville moves to go into executive session Executive Session 1 VSA 313(a)(2) – Personnel.**

**The Selectboard goes into executive session at 9:25PM**

**Executive session exited at 10:20PM**

Jim Linville moves to increase Almon Crandall's hourly wage to \$30/hour and the rest of the road crew to \$25/hour. In addition Brian and Hugh will receive one more week of vacation to be taken during the summer. Tim Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Unanimously approved.*

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM**