**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 26th, 2022 at 7:30 PM**

**Present**: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Charles Goodwin, Ann Fuji’i and Lisa Yrsha

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Natalie Boston, Donald Hart and Kim Seymour (Zoom)

Denis Benson calls the meeting to order at 7:29 PM

1. **Review and Approve Minutes:** The Selectboard reviews the minutes. Denis Benson notes on #6 to add in addition to being a 15 inch culvert it also was recommended to be 40 feet long. Lisa notes a date change for the Conservation Commission minutes. Lisa Yrsha moves to approve minutes with corrections, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.* Lisa Yrsha suggests in the future noting who attended the meeting via zoom. All agree would be good to do in the future.
2. **Changes and Additions to the Agenda:** Jim Linville notes that at the end would like to discuss The Little School Generator as well as go into Executive session. Denis Benson says he would also like to discuss the riverbank at the end of the meeting.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Little School Floors:** Will discuss at the next meeting.
5. **Posting of Agenda’s and Minutes of Conservation Commission, Planning Commission and Development Review Board:** Discussion. Kim Seymour had taken on that roll when Cheryl Barker had left but would like to pass back to Natalie Boston. Natalie says she is more than happy to do this moving forward. Jim Linville suggests sitting down with each of the Boards chairs to discuss and hear when documents need to be posted. Jim Linville also mentions that he received a letter from the Conservation Commission Co-Chair Deborah Hennessey informing of her resignation effective August 1st, 2022. Discussion.
6. **FEMA West Watershed:** **SID 620 Letter:** Denis Benson notes that nothing needs to be done as it is farther South and not IN Weston.
7. **DVCUD/DVFiber Audit Report:** Jim Linville says he spoke with Rusty Davis (Weston’s DVFiber Representative) on this. On the last page, budget went from a 5 figure number to a 7 figure. They had decided to buy Fiber Optic cable because there had been concerns of a supply issue. Rusty had expressed his impression that it is slow moving. Charles Goodwin moves to have the minutes reflect the Selectboard received and reviewed the DVCUD/DVFiber Audit Report, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
8. **Review and Approve Tax Rate:** Kim Seymour explains that she took the numbers approved at Town Meeting, and took the Education Tax rate (down from last year) and came up with the proposed tax rate:  
   **Homestead: 2.08 Non-Homestead: 2.1107**Kim Seymour notes that both are down from last year. Discussion. Charles Goodwin moves to accept and approve the 2022 tax rate, Annie Fuji’i 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
9. **Insert in Tax Bill (ARPA Funds, Planning Commission):** Discussion on what the Selectboard would like to include in insert. Ask for input and opinions on how the town should spends ARPA Funds. Natalie Boston will write a draft. Natalie asks Kim Seymour when she would prefer to get it by and she says by Friday or Monday at the latest. Charles Goodwin says that the insert should include projects considering: Air circulation in the Town Office and water/Bathroom in the Library. Also mentions should note what qualifies for fund use. September 13th meeting will discuss and invite residents to attend.
10. **Financial Summary:** Denis Benson says all should take home to review and will discuss at the next meeting. Kim Seymour explains new additions and changes, notes interest rate is going up. Discussion. Mention of the Conservation Commission fund discussed at the last meeting. When Natalie Boston mails the letter to People’s Bank should include a copy of Mimi Neff’s death certificate. Discussion.
11. **SO #16 Payroll/ SO #16 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to approve SO #16 payroll for the amount of $7,005.35, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*Jim Linville moves to approve SO# 16 Vendors for the amount of $16,715.43, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
12. **New/Old Business:** Denis Benson says in the past every so often the town crew or someone hired would clear out the weeds and brush along the riverbank. Noticed there was growth coming out of the gabion wall. Discussion. Lisa Yrsha suggests asking Almon Crandall first if they can take care of it and if not then hire someone to do. Denis Benson also suggests getting before and after photos as evidence of maintenance for the Army Corps.   
    Jim Linville asks about the status of the generator at the Little School. Natalie Boston says that last she knew was the electric work had been done and paid for and just waiting on Almon to build the platform for the generator to sit on.   
    Kim Seymour notes that Primary Elections are going to be august 9th (the next normally scheduled meeting). Discussion and Selectboard agrees to have one Selectboard member come in and sign SO #17 Payroll and SO #17 Vendors on the 9th and will plan to have the meeting on Wednesday August 10th instead.   
    Jim Linville moves to go into Executive session **1 VSA 313 (3)**, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.****Into Executive Session at 8:25 PM  
    Out of Executive Session at 9:04***

Jim Linville moves to appoint Chris Morrow to the Conservation Commission pending Jim Linville and Annie Fuji’i meeting with him, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*

Denis Benson moves to adjourn, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved*

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 PM**