**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 23, 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 Ben Masure

Denis Benson calls the meeting to order at 7:28 PM

1. **Review and Approve Minutes: August 10th:** Some spelling corrections and other small changes made. Jim Linville moves to approve the minutes with corrections, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.* Natalie Boston will make noted changes and re-print to sign.
**August 8th:** Jim Linville moves to approve, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
2. **Changes and Additions to the Agenda: Approve 3% Late Filing Fee:** Jim Linville moves to approve applying A 3% late filing fee for tax bills, Annie Fuji’i 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Carolyn Mullett: Markham Lane:** Discussion on the issues and possible ways to resolve. Jim Linville says he and Lisa Yrsha and Almon all walked the road and thinks they have come up with a reasonable solution. Drop inlets to line road. Discussion. Denis Benson asks who will pay for it. Jim says that it TBD. Discussion. Denis Benson suggests getting a survey done and then have all property owners sign off on. Lisa Yrsha says that some responsibility will be on the land owners (driveway culverts). Jim Linville suggests first figure out cost and figure formula. Discussion on Right of Way and possible solutions. Denis Benson suggests a letter to all abutting landowners (easement). Donald Hart notes that if spending tax money on this project then should have a survey before you design a solution. Notes that without an engineer, they won’t know how many trees or stone walls will have to be taken down. Discussion.
5. **Tony Boston: Response to Syd Straw:** Could not make it to the meeting
6. **The Little School Floors:** The Selectboard members went and did a walkthrough The Little School before the meeting began. Discussion on what they noticed. Jim Linville notes it appeared the Apple room had “bumps” as well as the Rainbow room but the Sunshine room looked fine. Ben Masure says Ben Priggen said there appeared to be structural issues (joists) that may require a structural engineer. Lisa Yrsha confirms there appeared to be 5 spots in the Apple Room, 3 Spots in the Rainbow Room and 0 in the Sunshine room. Ben Masure confirms yes. Discussion. Denis Benson says to get a quote from Ben Priggen for the work and will go from there. Ben Masure asks about the status of the generator, Jim Linville says that Almon Crandall got the materials to build the platform. It is in the works but Almon had been busy and will get to it soon.
7. **Planning Commission Grant Approval:** Annie Fuji’i begins by describing the grants, the purpose of them and the process. 2 grants: one for rewriting the town plan and one for rewriting zoning bylaws. The Planning Commission plans on hiring Windham Regional for assistance through this process. Discussion. Jim Linville moves to approve the Planning Commission to pursue both grants, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
8. **Zoning Administrator (ZA) Monthly Reports:** Annie Fuji’i begins by saying that she believes the since the Selectboard supervises the ZA, they should be informed of decisions he makes and things being worked on. Denis Benson notes that he posts on the cork board and doesn’t feel the need for him to feel “micro managed”. Discussion.
9. **Committee Reports at Selectboard Meetings:** Natalie Boston explains how she had found in her desk a paper that had items to be on the agenda for the 1st and 2nd meetings of each month and one of those items was “committee reports”. She had asked at the last meeting if they wanted to have that begin again. Discussion. Jim Linville notes that it is a lot to ask for volunteers of the town. There will be no monthly committee reports at this time.
10. **Zoom and Scheduled Meetings:** Natalie Boston explains how she has set up the calendar on the town website and the zoom account to be connected. Moving forward all meetings that will need the zoom (and any town meeting or hearing) will be reported to Natalie when scheduled. She will then add to the town calendar on the website as well as the physical calendar in the Conference room. Along with that, Natalie explains that if it is a public meeting, all meetings will be held in the town’s zoom “meeting room”. By doing this, it will be the same zoom link, meeting ID and passcode for every meeting. The goal here being to make it simpler and easier for access for members but especially the public. On the town Website the same zoom link and meeting info will be posted on committee pages as well as under each calendar event. Jim Linville moves to go ahead with creating this procedure for use of the zoom and scheduling meetings, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
11. **Fuel Bids Opening:** Natalie Boston notes that she sent out the bid to 4 businesses but only received 2 back. Discussion. Table till next meeting.
12. **SO #18 Payroll / SO #18 Vendors:** Jim Linville moved to approve SO#18 payroll for the amount of $6,965.08. Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*Jim Linville moves to approve SO #18 vendors for the amount of $6,382.87. Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
13. **New/ Old Business:** Denis Benson notes that he spoke with Almon Crandall regarding the riverbank brush clean up. Needs to be done up above the bridge first. Jim Linville notes it needing to be done at the top of the rip rap. Discussion. Natalie Boston will check the files to see if there’s info on what has been done in the past and will have for the next meeting.
Denis Benson says the priory project is done and all are happy.
Lisa Yrsha notes a Conservation Commission Handbook that was given to her. Suggests all the SB members take some time to review it. It will be in Natalie’s office.

Jim Linville moves to adjourn, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 PM**