**Town of Weston P.O. 98 Weston, VT 05161 Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

February 13, 2024 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Annie Fuji’i and Lisa Yrsha **Zoom:** GNAT-TV and Wayne Granquist

**Public:** Shawna Batogowski, Kim Seymour, Almon Crandall, Nicki Pfister, Jessica Clapp, Linda Saarnijoki, Deborah Granquist and Ryan Foster

*Denis Benson called the meeting to order 7:28pm*

1. **Road Foreman Almon Crandall**: Almon stated that the new town truck is at the body shop and is being assembled. They have not given him a time frame of when it will be done. Jim Linville stated that he had received a call about paving some of our dirt roads. The cost is around 1 million to 1.5 million to pave per mile, maybe more. Almon said that is has been a very hard year with the dirt roads; he said we are on our 4th mud season this winter. He had spoken with other towns about switching to SLC sand and that may help, but he stated that we can’t control the weather and the effect they have on the roads.
2. **Changes to the Agenda**: We skipped ahead to #5 on the agenda the Wilder Memorial Library presentation. The Selectboard will go into executive session at the end of the meeting tonight to discuss personnel. 1VSA313
3. **Wilder Memorial Library**: Ryan Foster presented his plans for the addition to Library. The plans showed the addition of a restroom, handicap assessable entries as well as the library first floor being accessible. The addition will make the library 1300 square feet total. The budget for the project is 2.75 million with 1.5 million already raised. The library board will be applying for grants to help offset the cost of construction. About 85% of the building costs will be covered by private donation and grant money. Postcard invitations will be mailed out to the public to for two informational meetings about the library project. One on February 29, 2024 and one on March 7, 2024. The library board asked the Selectboard for a letter of support to include with grant applications. Jim Linville moves that the Selectboard will sign a letter if the Library board sends a sample letter to review. Lisa Yrsha seconded and it was unanimously approved. In closing Jim Linville stated that a new library will be a wonderful asset to have in Weston.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Review and approve meeting minutes:** Budget minutes were review and approved with one correction. Shawna Batogowski will add the year 2024 to the meeting minutes and post them. The meeting minutes for January 23, 2024 were approved with a few corrections to grammar. Shawna Batogowski will make the corrections and post the minutes.
6. **Village Center Designation Renewal:** Jim Linville moved to approve the Village Center Designation Renewal for the Town of Weston and will write a cover letter to summit with the application. Annie Fuji’i seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
7. **Weston Flood Resiliency Committee**: Jim Linville stated that the process of starting the committee is underway, the acceptance letters have gone out and have all been returned. Jim stated that he was in a zoom meeting with Town Selectboard members from Londonderry, Jamaica and the WRC’s Chris Campany and Alyssa Sabetto. The goal of the meeting was to meet and see how multi-towns can coordinate and mutually agree upon projects that will lessen flood damage on a larger scale. One member from each town will meet and co-write a letter to the State in hopes of getting more help with funding flood repair/prevention projects. Jim Linville moved to recognize the WFRC as a formal committee to advise and help the Selectboard with allocating the MTAP grant funds of $50,000. Annie Fuji’i seconded and it was unanimously approved.
8. **Opioid Claims against Endo International**: After reviewing the packets sent to the Selectboard it was decided to have Shawna Batogowski call the VLCT and gather more information and advice.
9. **Delinquent Tax report**: The report was seen and reviewed.
10. **SO #3, 3B and 3C Payroll and SO #3 Vendors**: Jim Linvillemoved to sign check warrant #3 in the amount of $12,302.04 Annie Fuji’i seconded and was unanimously approved. Lisa Yrsha moved to sign check warrant #3B-Flood in the amount of $1,855.08 Jim Linville seconded and was unanimously approved. Jim Linvillemoved to sign check warrant #3-C Town Report postage in the amount of $601.00 Annie Fuji’i seconded and was unanimously approved. Jim Linvillemoved to sign check warrant #3 Vendors in the amount of $45,468.97 Annie Fuji’i seconded and was unanimously approved.
11. **New and old business**: Denis Benson would like Shawna Batogowski to call Neighborhood Connections and see if they can take the left over Flood clean up bins that are in the basement. Kim Seymour reminded the Selectboard that the Auditors will be here on Feb. 20th and 21st 2024. Shawna Batogowski will let Kehoe Electric know to put The Little School Basement project on their schedule.

Denis Benson moved to enter executive session to speak about personal at 8:56pm.

Exited executive session was adjourned at 9:25pm with no additional motion.

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Denis Benson, Chair Jim Linville, Vice Chair

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Annie Fuji’i, Secretary Lisa Yrsha