**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 8th, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Absent:** Charles Goodwin

**Public:** Natalie Boston, Donald Hart, Jeff Yrsha, Josh Allison, Jennifer Probst, Fred Probst, Almon Crandall and Andrew Harper

**Zoom:** Charles Goodwin, Deborah Granquist, Michael Neff, Wayne Fisher, Kim Seymour and Claire Stern

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

1. **Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall begins by saying they have been having issues with the new grader not shifting but got it back up and running. Goes on to say Chaves Excavating is almost done with Burton/Obed Moore rd. Discussion. Jim Linville moves to authorize Almon Crandall to rent an excavator for a month for ditching, Annie Fuji’I 2nd. *Unanimously approved*. All the Selectboard agrees the road crew are doing a great job. Jeff Yrsha asks for some clarification as to removing materials from the river/rec and bringing to town garage. Discussion. Denis Benson notes the permit was good for 5 years. Discussion. Almon Crandall notes the concern of trees and stumps in the river. Discussion on private property and if causing an eminent danger. Discussion.
2. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Jim Linville moves to approve the June 27th minutes with one change to name spelling, Annie Fuji’I 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.  
   Jim Linville moves to approve July 11th minutes, Annie Fuji’i 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.  
   Jim Linville moves to approve July 25th minutes, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.
3. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** Annie Fuji’i notes going into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.
4. **Public Comment:** Andrew Harper notes an ongoing issue with drainage at his property, his culverts is blocked with sand and gravel from the storm. He contacted Door to get cleaned out but on a month long waiting list. Discussion on state highway, connection to a catch basin, redesign of the drainage area. Andrew Harper says he would like to conduct a hydraulic study and redesign and would appreciate the Towns cooperation. Discussion.
5. **ARPA:** Lisa Yrsha says that as promised, the three Nonprofits that applied for receiving funding have completed the requested requirements and submitted necessary documents. Kim Seymour says that she would have the checks ready this coming Thursday. Denis Benson moves to have someone come in and sign a special Pay order for these, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.
6. **Flood: Damage and Repair status:** Lisa Yrsha reviews the status of damaged roads. Discussion on Gurney Brothers doing work on Moses Pond Rd, Cider Mill Rd and Pat Beveridge’s property.
7. **Category Z – FEMA:** Jim Linville reviews category Z for FEMA reimbursements. Discussion . Jen Probst asks about old files (Irene) that the Fire Department could reference and use as a guide. Discussion on Dry Hydrants. Josh Allison notes they are supposed to be maintained by the property owner. Discussion on testing, enforcement and maintenance including access in the winter. Denis Benson notes mentioning in the Town report as a reminder.
8. **The Little School:** Natalie Boston reviews the status of different repairs on The Little School building. Hot Water heater has been repaired, electrical has been repaired and working with fire marshals to remove the limited access posing. Discussion on Boiler; Marcell Oil had recommended replacing but has not received a quote. Annie Fuji’i asks about heat pumps. Discussion.
9. **Zoning Administrator Quarterly Report and FEMA and NFIP Requirements For Building Permits:** The Selectboard reads and reviews the Zoning Administrator’s quarterly Report.
10. **SO# 17 Payroll/ SO#17 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to approve Payroll SO #17 for the amount of $7,648.87, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.   
    Jim Linville moves to approve Vendors SO#17 for the amount of $20,023.72, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.  
    SO #17-B Flood: Jim Linville moves to approve $15,357.50, Denis Benson 2nd. *Unanimously approved*. Discussion on one bill.
11. **New and Old Business:** Denis Benson asks how they would like to move forward finding a replacement for Natalie Boston as Administrative Assistant. Discussion. Natalie Boston will type up an add and get it approved before submitting to the Paper. Discussion.   
    Jim Linville notes with the flood and other events the speed cart will be put on hold for now.  
    Jim Linville notes ongoing concern from Ken Hall on a public records request matter. Discussion. Jim Linville moves send Ken Hall a letter on behalf of the Selectboard to invite him to the September 12th meeting so that he may present to the Selectboard his concerns. Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.  
      
    Denis Benson moves to go into executive session to discuss personnel, Annie Fuji’i 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.  
    Into Executive Session 9:25 PM

Out of Executive Session 9:55 PM  
Jim Linville moves that he and Annie Fuji’i will interview candidates for the position of selectboard administrative assistant, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.  
**Denis Benson adjourns the Meeting at 9:57 PM**

**Weston Selectboard:**

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**Denis Benson, Chair Jim Linville, Vice Chair**

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**Anne Fuji’i, Secretary Lisa Yrsha**

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**Charles Goodwin**