**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 25th, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Absent:** Charles Goodwin

**Public:** Natalie Boston, Donald Hart, Kim Seymour, Jeff Yrsha and Barbra Lloyd

**Zoom:** Leah McCanna

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

1. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Table
2. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** Denis Benson says the road crew has been doing a great job repairing damages from the storm. All agree.
Jeff Yrsha notes an employee issue that he requests being dealt with as it had been asked. Jim Linville says he is working on it.
3. **Public Comment:** Barbra Lloyd asks about culverts for driveways. Discussion on driveway culverts and Markham lane.
4. **Flood: Damage and Repair status:**  Natalie Boston reviews an email from The Little School board saying what has been taken care of and what still needs to be done. She goes on to break down where the Little School is as far as repairs/testing to be ready to open for the new school year. Natalie shows the Selectboard a quote from Piper Hill to replace the Hot water heater as well as do repairs to the boiler. Discussion. Jim Linville moves to approve Piper Hill’s quote to replace the hot water heater only, assuming it is the same as the existing hot water heater. Annie Fuji’i 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.Discussion on The Little School building.
Lisa Yrsha reviews the status of the roads. Road Crew questioning “where do we go from here”. Discussion on roads, Jeff Yrsha mentions gravel available at the Weston Rec. Discussion. Jim Linville moves to allow Jeff Yrsha and Almon Crandall to remove gravel from the river or dry land, with property owners permission as well as river engineers permission, and use as they see fit. Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously approved*. Discussion on The Little School dumpster quote and getting a Backhoe to pick up debris. Jim Linville moves to have Natalie Boston obtain a dumpster to be placed behind The Little School at her discretion, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.
5. **Army Corps of Engineers Meeting Report:** Jim Linville reviews his notes from meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and breaks down how he understands the next steps.
6. **Zoning Administrator Quarterly Report:** Table
7. **SoVermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):** Natalie Boston reviews the letter they received regarding this noting that she thought the Wilder Memorial Library could be a perfect candidate. Discussion.
8. **2023 Tax Rate Discussion and Approval:** The Selectboard and town Clerk Kim Seymour review the 2023 Tax Rate and compare to 2022. This year, 2023, tax rate:
 Homestead: 2.2379
Non-Homestead: 2.2867
Discussion. Jim Linville moves to approve the 2023 tax rate, Annie Fuji’i 2nd.*Unanimously approved*.
9. **SO# 16 Payroll/ SO#16 Vendors:** Jim Linville moves to approve SO#16 Payroll for the amount of $8,519.86. Annie Fuji’i 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.
Jim Linville moves to approve SO# 16 Vendors for the amount of $40,989.66. Annie Fuji’i 2nd. *Unanimously approved*. Discussion on David Chaves Excavating bill that was not included. Kim Seymour says they will break down the bill to say where the material went for FEMA requests.
10. **New/Old Business:** Jim Linville brings up the leech field at the Town garage. Miles needed to move its proposed location on the plan. Discussion.
Lisa Yrsha moves to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, Jim Linville 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.
**Into Executive Session at 9:02 PM
Out of Executive Session at 9:35 PM**Jim Linville moves to adjourn, Denis Benson 2nd. *Unanimously approved*.
**Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM**