**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

***WEDESDAY* August 10th, 2022 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Absent:** Denis Benson

**Public:** Natalie Boston Kim Seymour (Zoom), Almon Crandall, Syd (Susan) Straw, Anthony Boston (Zoom) and Donald Hart

Jim Linville calls the meeting to order at 7:29 PM

1. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Charles Goodwin moves to approve the minutes with minor corrections, Annie Fuji’i 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
2. **Changes and Additions to the Agenda: Call for Fuel Bids:** Jim Linville notes this will be discussed at the end of the meeting.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Road Forman Almon Crandall:** Almon Crandall begins by saying that Jason Mitchell should begin mowing the road sides next week. He had to increase his rates due to fuel costs. Almon continues to say they received the drop inlet for by the priory. He says they will need to bury a powerline and requests hiring Jeff Yrsha to use his excavator. Jim Linville moves to authorize, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.* Almon mentions receiving materials to build the platform for the generator at The Little School. Jim Linville says he spoke with Denis Benson and he had noted the rubber gasket seals on the town garage bay doors were looking rough. Suggested to replace. Jim Linville also asks/ expresses concern about acquiring materials; particularly Sure Pac. Almon Crandall says that they are way over budget on that to be sure there is a decent supply. Jim expresses don’t be shy and keep up the good work. Almon mentions they are ¾ done with the grant project work. Discussion. Almon Crandall asks about a tree on Landgrove road that needs to be removed. Discussion.
5. **Access Permit Norman Hart:** Jim Linville asks Almon his thoughts on it and Almon says it is good with him but they might have a waterline near it and also notes it will need a culvert. As long as it has the required culvert (30 foot, 18 inch) Almon approves of it. Charles Goodwin moves to approve with the condition of installing a culvert as suggested, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.

Syd Straw arrived late but requests to make a public comment:*Syd Straw begins by playing a recording she had taken of gunfire she can hear from her house on Piper Hill road. Syd says that it occurs in the daytime and night. Jim Linville asks if she knows where it is coming from and Syd says that she has her suspicions. Syd expresses that it is disturbing her peace and asks about any noise ordinances and if there is none how would one go about creating one. She goes on to say that she has been here a long time and has been putting up with it, now she believes there are 3 shooting ranges in her immediate neighborhood and knows who 2 of them are. When she has confronted who she suspects she says she’s been lied to. Syd said “I’m the dam constable, so if I can’t help with this I would like to know who or what can.” Jim Linville says they had heard a similar complaint from adjoining property owner in the past. He says that the Vermont statutes are not at all restrictive. Jim says that she can propose any statues or rules that you want and explains that she would have to do a lot of studying and look at examples in other towns and produce a petition of 5% of the registered voters in Weston to get it on the agenda for Town Meeting and then would have to be approved at Town Meeting. Discussion. Syd Straw says that she spoke with Mr. Sharp and was an interesting confrontation. Discussion. She goes on to explain why she wanted to become constable, to be there to help when the police won’t come out. Jim Linville says that Vermont is an open carry state and the gun regulations are extremely low. Charles Goodwin says that he doesn’t believe Mr. Sharp is shooting at night. Jim Linville agrees and says that shooting at night is a separate thing and would look at the statutes for that. Syd says she doesn’t think so either but believes people on Dale road have frequently. Discussion. Syd Straw expresses that should would like to start a petition and can’t believe she is the only one who is bothered by it. Discussion. Syd also asks, as a constable, what can she do to be a help to the community. Lisa Yrsha says that they would need to look into that. Annie Fuji’i notes that years ago it was decided that the constable position was a non-law enforcing position. Discussion. Donald Hart notes that in able to be a law enforcement constable they would need a certificate and to have training.
6. **Grants in Aid – FY23 Signature**: Charles Goodwin moves to sign, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
7. **Wilder Memorial Library Strategic Plan 2022-2027:** Charles Goodwin moves to have the minutes reflect the Selectboard all received the Strategic Plan to review, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
8. **Little School Floors:** Nothing as had to reschedule due to meeting day change so will be discussed at the next meeting.
9. **Standard Zoom Links for Regularly Scheduled Meetings:** Natalie Boston explains that with the Town of Weston’s Zoom account there is something called “Personal Room” that is essentially one meeting link/ID that can be used over and over and won’t change. Natalie goes on to explain that since there can only be one zoom running at a time, moving forward all of the committees and Boards can use this same “Room” so there is never confusion or searching for the correct link for members or the public. She also says that she is working with Kim Seymour to get connected to the Town Calendar on the website so she will be able to keep that updated with any and all meetings and hearings and will have the zoom link attached to each event on the calendar as well. Discussion. The goal here is to make thing more simple and easy to access for all. Natalie will communicate this with all of the Committees on communicating with her about scheduled meetings and hearings to be sure there are never any issues of overlap. Discussion. Jim Linville moves that the minutes reflect that the Selectboard is extremely grateful for all the work Kim Seymour has done to assist with the zoom and scheduling of meetings and to Natalie for picking it up.
10. **Delinquent Tax Report:** Charles Goodwin moves to reflect that the Selectboard received the Delinquent Tax report, Lisa Yrsha 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*
11. **SO #17 Payroll/ SO #17 Vendors:** Jim Linville approved and signed yesterday.
12. **New/Old Business:** Annie Fuji’i says that the Planning Commission would like to peruse 2 grants that have a match of 10%, asking for Selectboard approval. She explains that one is to rewrite zoning bylaws and one is to rewrite the Town Plan. Discussion. Jim Linville says that since this would have financial obligations for the town, since it was not on the agenda they can’t approve it. Will go on the agenda for the next meeting.
Annie Fuji’i also mentions that she believes it would be beneficial for all if the Zoning administrator to give a monthly report and also (like Road Forman) coming in every 3 months or so to go over things. Since the Selectboard is supposed to supervise the ZA it makes sense to be in the loop on decisions being made. Discussion. Jim Linville says he thinks that should be on the agenda before a decision is made, Charles Goodwin agrees. Discussion.
Natalie Boston notes a paper she found taped to the back of her desk drawer that broke down things to what should be on the agenda for the first meeting of the month and 2nd meeting of the month. She explains that one of the things on this paper was “Committee Reports”. Discussion. Will put on the agenda for the next meeting.
**Call for Fuel Bids:** Selectboard reviews bid sheet and form Natalie made. Lisa Yrsha notes some changes referring to language/missing “right to reject any and all…” Discussion. Jim Linville moves to approve and send out once noted language is added, Charles Goodwin 2nd. *Unanimously Approved.*Annie Fuji’i also notes the Conservation Committee creating an Energy Committee, to create energy policies in the future and reopen conversation on heat pumps. Discussion.
Charles Goodwin moves to adjourn, Jim Linville Adjourns the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM**