Town of Weston PO Box 98 Weston, VT 05161 Selectboard Meeting Minutes April 23, 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: Jim Linville, Lisa Yrsha, Howie Brosseau and Chris Morrow

Absent: Denis Benson

Zoom: GNAT-TV, Brian Lane-Karnas (DeWolfe Engineering) Tony Mazzocchi (Kinhaven)

Public: Shawna Batogowski

Jim Linville called the meeting to order 7:29pm

1.**Changes to the agenda**: Moved the Kinhaven project review to beginning of meeting

**2. Public Comment**: N/A

1. **Request to close Park Street on May, 26 2024**: *Lisa Yrsha moved to accept the request from Weston Community Association to close Park Street to traffic on May 26, 2024 from 9am to 8pm for the annual town wide pig roast. Howie Brosseau seconded, and it was unanimously approved.*
2. **Kinhaven Project Review**: The Selectboard was asked to fill out a MIQ (Municipal Impact Questionnaire) for the Kinhaven Concert Hall expansion. The Selectboard had asked Brian Lane-Karnas from DeWolfe Engineering and Tony Mazzocchi to go over a few questions that our Road Foreman had about parking and additional traffic on Lawrence Hill Road from October to December. Tony Mazzocchi assured the Selectboard that he does not for see any reason for parking on Lawrence Hill Road. He also stated that the new concert hall will not be winterized. Motion had been made at the previous meeting that once information was retained then Shawna Batogowski will finish the MIQ form and send it to Brian Lane-Karnas at his DeWolfe email address.
3. **Audit Review:** Tabled until all Selectboard members and Kim Seymour are present.
4. **ARPA Funds Reporting:** Shawna Batogowski will attend the ARPA Grant reporting webinar tomorrow and she has a meeting with Katie Buckley from Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to go over reporting.The deadline to file the report is April 30th, 2024.
5. **Wilder Memorial expansion project update:** Jim Linvilleupdated the Selectboard on the status of the expansion project for the library.
   1. Final Conceptual design was approved
   2. Aiming for a November 2024 start date
   3. The fund-raising campaign has been successful in raising nearly 75% of the funds needed for the project.
   4. The library has applied for 2 potentially large grants to help offset building costs.
   5. The library is working on a temporary location for the library during construction.
   6. Solutions for finding a water source for the library are being researched.
6. **Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Grant to fund DuBois and King Hydraulic Study**: Jim Linville and the Weston Flood Resiliency Committee have secured funding for a hydraulic study with a Grant of $50,000 from MTAP. DuBois& King hope to start work on the study immediately and finish hopefully in August 2024. After the study results are obtained the Town will have more knowledge on what to do with our dam and the bridge on Lawrence Hill RD.

\*A quick note that the Army Corps. of Engineers will be fixing the gabion wall by Lawrance Hill Rd. and cleaning up riprap along the river. This work should be starting soon and be done by the end of summer. This project will be fully funded by the Army Corps. of Engineers.

1. **RIVER project progress report***:*  The Windham Regional Commission is facilitating a hydraulic study of the river. It might start in June and will be an 8- or 9-month project. This project will focus on the river shed system in Weston and neighboring towns.
2. **Review of Meeting Minutes:** After the correction of a few errors Howie Brosseau moved to sign and approve the meeting minutes for April 9, 2024. Seconded by Chirs Morrow and unanimously approved.
3. **Delinquent Tax Report:**Lisa Yrsha moved that the Selectboard has seen and review the delinquent tax report. Howie Brosseau seconded and it was unanimously approved.
4. **SO#8 Payroll/SO#8 Vendors*:*** *Howie Brosseau moved to approve Payroll SO#8 in the amount of $7,924.34, seconded by Chris Morrow and unanimously approved. Chris Morrow moved to approve Vendors SO#8 in the amount of $ 238,338.61 seconded by Lisa Yrsha and unanimously approved.*
5. **Old and New Business:**Shawna Batogowski reported that there have been no bids sent in for the addition to the Town Garage. There is been one application sent in for the road crew position.
   1. Shawna Batogowski asked if we would be filling out the Letter of Intent for the SFY25 Municipal Roads in Aid Grant. Lisa Yrsha said to refer to Almon Crandall, Road Foreman, and get his opinion.
   2. The Little School has asked to have the building repainted and have someone look at the drainage/ditching problem on the side of the building close to the Post Office. Shawna Batogowski will place an ad for bids in the paper. Lisa Yrsha had spoken with Piper Hill Plumbing and they submitted an estimate. *Howie Brosseau moved to have them purchase and install a commercial dehumidifier hung from the ceiling and new sump-pump for the furnace room. Seconded by Chris Morrow and unanimously approved. Chris Morrow moved to place an RFP for painting 2 sides of The Little School and some touch up painting in local papers. Howie Brosseau seconded and it was unanimously approved*.

Jim Linville adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm

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Lisa Yrsha, Secretary Howie Brosseau

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