

Town of Weston
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Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: Denis Benson, Lisa Yrsha, Howie Brosseau and Chris Morrow

Absent: Jim Linville

Public: Almon Crandall, Kim Seymour, Jennifer Probst and Shawna Batogowski

Zoom: G-NAT TV

Denis Benson calls the meeting to order at 7:30pm

- Road Foreman: Almon Crandall** stated that he would like to hire Fuller Paving to pave Park Street and do some patch work on Chester Mountain RD. Denis Benson and Lisa Yrsha agree that is what needs to be done. Almon would like to rent an excavator to use as needed to do various projects. Almon stated that he has spoken with the dealership and the new Town truck is in Westminster. We should see it delivered to us in the next week or two. He stated that they may take a test drive and maybe drop off the plow and the wing this week. *Lisa Yrsha moved to allow Road Foreman Almon Crandall hire Fuller Paving to pave Park Street and patch some places on Chester Mountain Road. Howie Brosseau seconded it and it was approved unanimously. Lisa Yrsha moved to allow Road Foreman Almon Crandall to rent an excavator as need for various summer projects.* Denis Benson wanted to speak with Almon Crandall about personnel. Howie Brosseau moved to go into executive session to speak about personnel. Lisa Yrsha Seconded and it was approved unanimously. By order of **1 v.s.a. § 313**, Executive session started at 7:37 and ended at 7:40pm with no motions. Lisa Yrsha asked Shawna Batogowski to send the RFP for the Town Garage addition for Almon and Jeff's review. Lisa Yrsha asked if Almon had signed off on the MIQ form. He stated he hasn't yet and he still has a couple of questions. Denis Benson asked if a letter could be drafted or could we email an invitation to Anthony Mazzocchi from Kinhaven join the next selectboard meeting on April 23, 2024. Shawna Batogowski will extend an invite to join the next SB meeting and remind them that they may need an Access/Right of Way application filled out under the "other" section.

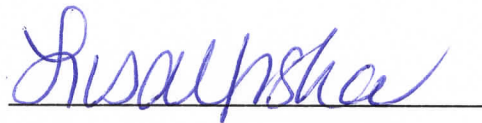
2. **Changes to the Agenda:** N/A
3. **Review and Approve Meeting Minute:** *Howie Brosseau moved to approve March 26, 2024 meeting minutes. Lisa Yrsha seconded it and it was approved unanimously*
4. **Public Comment:** Jen Probst attended on the behalf of the Weston Volunteer Fire Department. She asked for a letter of support from members of the Selectboard for the Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Funding from Senator Peter Welch. The Grant they are requesting is for funds to build a new fire station for the Weston Volunteer Fire Department. *Lisa Yrsha moved to sign letter of support after review of the application and review of the letter of support that will be written by Shawna Batogowski. Howie Brosseau seconded it and it was approved unanimously.*
5. **Town Garage Septic RFP review:** Lisa Yrsha would like to have the RFP review with Jeff Yrsha and Almon Crandall. Once they have seen the RFP and made their suggestions we will advertise in the local papers.
6. **Review Audit:** This was tabled until April 23, 2024, when all Selectboard members have had a chance to review.
7. **SO#7 Payroll /SO#7 Vendors:** *Lisa Yrsha moved approve payroll SO#7 in the amount of \$8737.14. Howie Brosseau seconded it and it was approved unanimously. Howie Brosseau moved to approve SO#7 Vendors in the amount of \$49,947.83. Lisa Yrsha seconded it and it was approved unanimously.*
8. **Old and New Business:**
 - a. Selectboard members reviewed the Request for Proposal and Scope of Work. There were a few grammar errors, and some wording issues. Once they are changed, we will send the RPF and the help wanted for the open road crew to the local newspapers for advertising: Vermont Journal, Manchester News Guide and the Manchester Journal and VCLT online. We will also send a courtesy copy of the RFP for the addition to Daniels Construction, Breadloaf Construction, Morton Buildings, and Wright Construction.
 - b. Denis Benson asked to see when the current Little School Lease is up. He would like to begin talking about giving The Little School a 99-year lease. This would let The Little School be in charge of the building and be responsible for maintenance and up keep. This is something to think about, stated Denis Benson and thinks that we should talk with The Little School soon about this option. The current lease is up in 2027.
 - c. Denis Benson would like to have someone come in and look at the front door sills door frame and post and have them fixed. The building faces North and is prone to rot. Shawna Batogowksi will get some names from Lisa Yrsha and make calls to have the work done.

- d. Lisa Yrsha moved to have an RFP written up for the purchase and installation of a new generator for the Town office. Howie Brosseau seconded it and it was approved unanimously. Shawna Batogowski will prepare it.
- e. Chris Morrow stated that he and Annie Fuji'i are still working to have heat pumps installed in the Town office. They are waiting on a proposal from Mark Blanchard. Chris will relay more information once he gets it.
- f. Kim Seymour states that the Town has enough funds at the moment that she won't start working on the Tax Anticipation Note until June.

Denis Benson adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm

Denis Benson, Chair

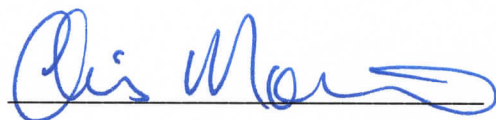
Jim Linville, Vice Chair



Lisa Yrsha, Secretary



Howie Brosseau



Chris Morrow