

Town of Weston
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Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 12th, 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: Denis Benson, Jim Linville, Lisa Yrsha and Howie Brosseau

Absent: Chris Morrow

Zoom: GNAT

Public: Shawna Batogowski and Will Goodwin

- 1) **Changes to the Agenda:** Almon Crandall was not in attendance. Will Goodwin, Zoning Administrator was here to speak about sending a Notice of Violation. There is a house on Hells Peak Road that has a height violation. Jim Linville moved to authorize Will Goodwin to send the Violation. Seconded by Howie Brosseau and it was unanimously approved. Will Goodwin said that there will be 3 other Notice of Violations that will need to be sent out. Jim Linville moved to authorize Will Goodwin to send out Violation Notices as he sees fit. Lisa Yrsha seconded and it was unanimously approved. Jim Linville asked to have a draft of the violation before it gets sent. Will Goodwin agreed.
- 2) **Review and approve meeting minutes:** With one grammar correction the meeting minutes of February 27th 2024 were approved. Shawna Batogowski will make the correction and leave them to be signed.
- 3) **Welcome to New Selectboard Members:** Denis Benson welcomed Howie Brosseau to the Selectboard on behalf of the Selectboard. Chris Morrow was not in attendance.
- 4) **Thank you to Annie Fuji'i for service:** Denis Benson and the Selectboard wish to thank Annie Fuji'i for her years of service. Shawna Batogowski will take care of a gift for her.
- 5) **Election of Selectboard Members:** Denis Benson turned the meeting over to Shawna Batogowski for the election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.
 - a) Jim Linville moved to nominate Denis Benson as Chair of the Weston Selectboard. Howie Brosseau seconded and it was unanimously approved.
 - b) Howie Brosseau moved to nominate Jim Linville as Vice Chair of the Weston Selectboard. Lisa Yrsha seconded and it was unanimously approved.

- c) Jim Linville moved to nominate Lisa Yrsha as Secretary of the Weston Selectboard. Denis Benson seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- 6) **SO#5 Payroll & SO#5 Vendors:** Jim Linville moved to approve SO# 5 Payroll in the amount of \$10,351.64 Lisa Yrsha seconded and it was unanimously approved. Jim Linville moved to approved SO# 5 Vendor in the amount of \$47,891.12 Lisa Yrsha seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- 7) **Town Garage:** Discussion was had on getting a scope of work done and writing a RFP for the addition to the Town Garage and the septic. Shawna Batogowski will start both of these projects. Shawna Batogowski will write emails to the State House and Senate Representatives inquiring about Grants to off set the cost of the new addition.
- 8) **Emergency Manager Director for Weston:** Lisa Yrsha started of by going over the memo she had written about a temporary plan for the Town Weston while there is no EMD. Lisa Yrsha stated that she has some people that she will be speaking with about the position. She asked for any other recommendations on who may like to have this position. It was agreed that Shawna Batogowski will look a little more into the position and see how other surrounding Towns compensate and what duties the EMD have.
- 9) **Weston Market Place:** Jim Linville spoke with Muehl from the Weston Market Place. He stated that things are getting cleaned up inside and outside of the building. He stated that the apartment above the store will be ready to rent soon as well. Muehl also stated that he does not want to participate in the Buyout program.
- 10) **Appointment of Town Offices 2024:**
Howie Brosseau moved to approve all appointees for the year 2024 as follows:
Jeff Yrsha was appointed Road Commissioner
Daniel Hanenberg was appointed to the DRB
Will Goodwin was appointed to be the Zoning Administrator and the Floodplain Administrator
Barbra Lloyd was appointed to be Vendor Ordinance Administrator
Kara Halpern Windham Regional Commission Rep.
Loretta Murphy Senior Solutions Rep.
Jon Bliss Emergency Fuel Coordinator
Mark Falango Civil Defense Chairman and Regional Technology Team WRC
Almon Crandall 911 Commission
Peter Areson Green Up Coordinator
Rusty Davis DVFiber Representative
Jim Linville seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- 11) **The paper of Record for Legal advertising and Help Wanted:** Lisa Yrsha moved to approved the Vermont Journal for the Record for Legal advertising and Help wanted. Jim Linville seconded and it was unanimously approved.

12) New and Old Business: Denis Benson stated that the man who mows that Town Office lawn would like to know if we will be rehiring him. The Selectboard said yes. Denis Benson will let him know. Lisa Yrsha stated that she and Shawna Batogowski will start on the bathroom renovation for the Town Garage. Jim Linville will be moving forward with getting the water measuring/ warning system set up at the Fire Station. Shawna Batogowski let the Selectboard know she had sent information about the buy out program to a home owner that may not know about the program. Lisa Yrsha said that she will look into a generator for the Town Office.

Denis Benson moved to enter executive session to speak about personal at 8:53pm. 1 v.s.a. § 313

Exited executive session meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm

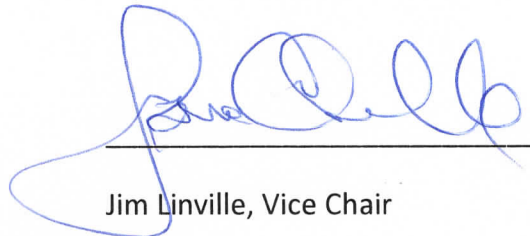
Jim Linville moved for

1. Howie Brosseau to rewrite personnel policy for approval March 27, 2024
2. To advertise for a road crew worker in the Vermont Journal and to look for responses and hold interviews after March 27, 2024.

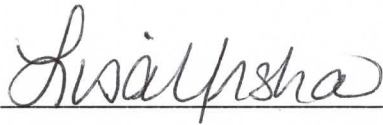
Howie Brosseau seconded and it was approved unanimously.



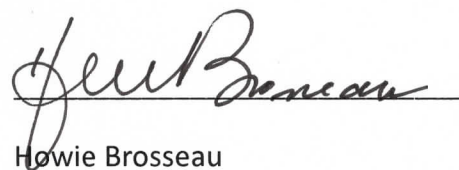
Denis Benson, Chair



Jim Linville, Vice Chair



Lisa Yrsha, Secretary



Howie Brosseau