**TOWN OF WESTON**

**P.O. BOX 98**

**WESTON, VT 05161**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**November 28th 2023 @ 7:30pm**

**Present:** Dennis Benson, Jim Linville, Annie Fuji’i and Lisa Yrsha

**Zoom:** Charles Goodwin, Kim Seymour, Chester Telegraph, Megan Hibberd, Michelle Bonang and Cynthia Prairie

**Public:** Shawna Batogowski, Melissa and Maggie Brown, John Jacobi, Ken Hall, Mick Arace, Christine Falango, Alexa Falango Jennifer Griswold, Tina Hartell, Skye Chalmers, Josh Allison, Will Reed, Ruby Reed, Carole Lechthaler, Catheryn Bury, Kelley Pajala, Martha Dale and Carrie Chalmers

Dennis Benson called the meeting to order at 7:29pm

1. **Review and Approve Minutes:** Charles Goodwin requested that the minutes include a a statement that the selectboard previous discussion regarding Windham Regional Planning Commission assistance should have included that WRC assistance provided to the Weston Community Association regarding the Mill Dam would be considered by the selectboard as in the municipality's best interest. Lisa Yrsha moved to approve the November 14th 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Jim Linville, and was unanimously approved.
2. **Changes and Additions to the Agenda:** None
3. **Public Comment**: None
4. **Appointment of Planning Commission applicants:** Tom Ettinger and Elizabeth Swett would like to join the Planning Commission for the town of Weston. Jim Linville moved to approve both the applicants, seconded by Annie Fuji’i. Unanimously approved.
5. **Derry Sled Dog Request for Road Access:** Mick Aracein as a representative for the Derry Sled dogs with a written request for access and usage of some of the Town roads. Jim Linville moved to approve road access, seconded by Lisa Yrsha and was unanimously approved,
6. **Northern Basements quote:** Tabled, no representative from Northern Basement.
7. **Conservation Commission: Ken Hall & Andrew Harper** Mr. Harper was not available to come in person or via Zoom. Mr. Hall is still feeling very frustrated with the Selectboard and the record keeping for the Conservation Commission. Jim Linville read parts of an email from Mr. Harper who stated that he does not have any emails regarding the Conservation Commission. Discussion continued about Mr. Hall’s concerns and complaints. Ken Hall raised the possibility of disbanding the Conservation Committee, which would have to be voted on at Town Meeting. Lisa Yrsha stated that the Conservation Commission is a mess and a decision should be made about what to do about by the next meeting. Dennis Benson said that a Selectboard member (Annie Fuji’i) will contact former members of the Conservation Commission and asked about their experience with meetings, emails and anything that could help with the problem of no records. Charles Goodwin moved to approve this motion, seconded by Jim Linville and unanimously approved.
8. **Interlocal Recreation Director: Christine Falango and Kelly Pajala:**  Ruby Reed and Alexa Falango both read a statement that they prepared for the Town Selectboard expressing their feelings about Weston signing the Interlocal Rec Director agreement. Mrs. Falango came with answers to questions that the Selectboard had about the agreement. Kelley Pajala explained the reasoning behind wanting a 3 year contract for this position. Residents of the Town of Weston and other Local Towns stated why they felt Weston should sign the agreement with the 3 year term. Ms. Pajala had come to the meeting with an amended agreement for Weston and explained the extra time and effort that it would take to have the amended agreement signed and approved by the other Towns. Jim Linville stated that he would consult with the Town's lawyer and if she felt that signing the original Interlocal Agreement wouldn't conflict with the vote taken at the March, 2023 Town Meeting then the Selectboard would sign it. Annie Fuji’i moved to approve original Interlocal Recreation Agreement depending on counsel from the Town’s Lawyer, seconded by Lisa Yrsha and unanimously approved.
9. **Heat Pumps for Town Office:** Tabled not all the quotes were available for the Selectboard to review.
10. **VLCT Signature, UM/UIM Coverage:** Jim Linville moved to sign the Uninsured Motorist/ Underinsured Motorist policy for VLCT, seconded by Annie Fuji’i and was unanimously approved.
11. **SO #26 Payroll/SO #26 Vendors:** Jim Linville moved to approve SO#26 Payroll in the aggregated amount of $7,784.63, Lisa Yrsha seconded and was unanimously approved. Lisa Yrsha moved to approve SO#26 Vendors in the aggregated amount of $20,904.01, Annie Fuji’i seconded and was unanimously approved.
12. **New and Old Business:** Selectboard discussed interviewing new commission applicants or having the Chair of Commission request appointment. Dennis Benson believes that the Board should do an interview. Tim Goodwin says that there is an applicant for the Windham Regional spot and he has someone in mind. Tim Goodwin asked Dennis Benson to take a look at a tree stump on Markham Lane, Dennis said he would check it out.
13. **Executive Session** Lisa Yrsha moves to go into executive session to discuss personnel **1 V.S.A. § 313 1B,** seconded by Jim Linville and unanimously approved.**Into Executive Session at 9:22 PM  
    Out of Executive Session at 9:27 PM**

Dennis Benson Jim Linville

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Charles Goodwin

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