

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes
November 12, 2010

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtger

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.
- 2) Discuss Fire District Documents – Glenn said he is hoping to get an affirmative vote to move the draft fire district documents forward so the Selectboard's intent is clear and on the record. Glenn said he is disappointed that we can't do something more about representation for non-residents but it would take some time to get the statutes changed so he thinks it's the best we can do for now. Bruce said the documents may need some tweaking but he's in favor of moving ahead. Tom agreed. Glenn said the Mountainside Condo Association President asked to see the documents and Town Attorney Matthew Birmingham said it was okay to share them. Glenn said he thinks the attorneys involved intend to review it one more time after they get some feedback. Bruce asked at what point the Selectboard gives its blessing to the documents. Glenn said when we get the final draft and a petition with 20 signatures on it. Glenn said the Selectboard will have to officially set the boundaries for the fire district, which would include the ski area and the Brownsville General Store. Glenn said there may be some people in the proposed fire district who have their own sewer and water and aren't sure they want to support this proposal. Bruce said there's no obligation for people to connect as long as their systems are working. Tom said the opportunity to connect to the system would enhance the sales value of property, even if it's not connected now. Glenn said if the Selectboard supports the draft documents, he'll contact John Bossen and let him know that he can start collecting signatures. Bruce asked if the final review is at a warned public meeting. Glenn said yes. Bruce asked about the area encompassed by the fire district. Glenn said it would encompass the entire Resort development, including Ski Tow Road, Village Lane, Skyhawk Lane, and Mountainside Drive. Bruce asked about Mile Long Field and the fields to the west. Glenn said they are not included. Tom asked if the district can be amended or expanded. Glenn and Bruce said yes. Tom asked if the district gets a say in any potential expansion or if that's totally up to the Selectboard. Glenn said he thinks it goes through the petition process again, but the Selectboard has the final say. Bruce said he thinks the Mile Long Field area lends itself to Conservation and encouraging development up there is not in keeping with the Town Plan. **Bruce made a motion to accept the drafts of the water and sewer ordinance for the West Windsor Fire District #1 and to encourage the other parties to move toward final adoption expeditiously. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 3) Other Business - Wastewater committee: Glenn said he's been asked if the Selectboard wants the existing committee to continue with the creation of the Request for Proposals (RFP). The Selectboard agreed unanimously that the existing wastewater committee should continue. Town Forest Plan: Glenn said he talked with Tom Kennedy yesterday and Tom thinks the regional planning commission can help West Windsor with the Town Forest Plan for a lot less than a consultant would charge. Glenn said Tom will forward a budget to the Selectboard. Bruce and Tom said they would support working with the regional planning commission. Bruce asked if the Town Forest Committee is aware of the direction in which we are headed. Glenn said yes. Tom said he would like it pursued about the Glebe lot never being harvested because there could be plants that we're not aware of. Bruce said there's not a lot of old growth forest left and, in New Hampshire, it's protected. Tom asked if the

Weathersfield Trail goes through the Glebe lot. Glenn said he'd have to look at a map. Glenn said the regional planning commission is working with Jim Lyall to come up with a map that includes all known features. Glenn said he met with County Forester Jon Bouton on Monday and Jon said he will do everything he can to help us. Glenn said Jon suggested having a forester walk through with the existing forest plan in hand and make recommendations. Bruce said there is a very reputable forester in Springfield and he will get his contact information. Glenn said the state is just starting a comprehensive forestry and wildlife evaluation of this whole area. Mile Long Field: Bruce asked if there's anything new on Mile Long Field. Glenn said Tom Kennedy suggested that he contact Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) again because they have the ability to appraise the property. Glenn said he will call UVLT today. Tom asked if a developer would have to negotiate with the town to run utilities across Mile Long Field. Glenn said the current owner of Mile Long Field would only sell it to the town if he retained the right to run utilities or a road through it, and the right to put in a snowmaking pond. There was discussion about the exact boundaries of Mile Long Field relative to Steve Plaustainer's property. Town Forest boundaries: Glenn said there's a discrepancy between the tax maps and the line that Kenny Burke maintains is the town forest line. Bruce said he thinks Kenny's line is more accurate. Bruce said it would be nice if Kenny could communicate with Bruno Associates because he's doing a lot of work that could save time for the surveyors and save money for the town. Glenn said he thinks Kenny has flagged everything that is stonewall or fence line. Bruce said town lines are hard because the information is so old and the physical evidence is usually gone. Ash tree: Tom asked if he should have the ash tree on Rush Meadow Road taken down. Bruce and Glenn said yes, it should be taken down before winter. Bruce said Rush Meadow Road slopes toward the bank and it would be nice to slope it the opposite way. Glenn said before they even started repairing the collapse, he suggested sloping the road so it dumps into the ditch and not over the bank. Glenn said he will mention it to Mike again. Mountainside Condo road: Glenn said the President of the Mountainside Condo Association approached him about taking over the road up there. Glenn said he asked Mike to look at it and Mike is not inclined to recommend that the town take over the road. Glenn said there's no place to turn around on that road. Coaching Lane Extension: Bruce said there is a road that he'd like the town to take over but it will be awhile because it's prohibitively expensive. Tom said he likes the idea of the owners putting a little money in the pot to bring the road up to town specifications. Bruce said that is what they are doing. Bruce said it took them a year but they finally formed an association. Bruce said the road really needs to be crowned and ditched. Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): Tom said he went to a TAC meeting and talked about the safety issues at the intersection of Route 44 and 44A. Tom said the state and federal government are going to take money back for projects that were funded but don't get completed in a timely fashion.

- 4) Adjourn – **Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 AM. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison