

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes

July 9, 2010

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Cathy Archibald

Absent: Bruce Boedtke

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.
- 2) Set tax rate – Based on the 2010 Grand List and votes at the 2010 Town Meeting, **Tom made a motion to set the highway tax rate at 14 cents per \$100, appropriations at 2 cents per \$100, Act 144 local construction tax at 4 cents per \$100, and town tax rate at 9 cents per \$100, for a total of 29 cents per \$100.** Tom noted that the homestead education tax rate is \$1.30 per \$100 for a total residential tax rate of \$1.59 per \$100, and the non-residential education tax rate is \$1.4647 per \$100 for a total non-residential tax rate of \$1.7547. **Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 3) Other Business – Old General Store (Davis property): Tom said he thinks the Selectboard should think about whether the town is interested in the property across from Bodnars. Tom said he mentioned it to Matt and Matt suggested meeting a little early on July 14th to discuss it. Glenn agreed. Town Vote: Tom said after the Selectboard's joint meeting with the Conservation Commission, he's wondering if the Selectboard should warn a town vote, which would include the Davis property. Tom noted that August 24th is primary day so that would be the day for a vote if there's going to be one. Beers map: Tom showed Glenn a copy of the 1869 Beers map and pointed out that Duling Road is shown as a complete road, but the road off Cow Shed Trail is not. Tom said he thinks its time to get some guidance from the voters regarding the legal expenses associated with ancient roads. Glenn said he is concerned that, if the voters insist on staking a claim to that road, the town will end up in court. Tom suggested that the town vote on a recommendation, rather than a binding vote. Glenn said he believes there is an ancient road there, based on Deb Mithoefer's research; the question is whether the town should assert its right to that road at all costs. Glenn said it should be considered from a cost-benefit analysis. Glenn noted that there is an existing public easement on the property. Tom said he is concerned about future development if that road is declared a town highway. Glenn asked if a Legal Trail could be upgraded to a road. Tom said yes. Regarding roads that cross the town line, Tom said he was interested to hear from the Conservation Commission that the neighboring towns are not interested in them. Tom said the road off Churchill Road is not on the Beers map either. Tom said his understanding is that the people who walk the trails would prefer them to stay the way they are. Glenn said he will continue his conversation with Matt on the subject and ask Martha to add it to the agenda for July 14th. Hang gliding: Glenn said if the hang gliders' association is required to carry liability insurance the town should be named as an additional insured and the association should be sending the town a Certificate of Insurance on a yearly basis. Town Plan: Tom asked if there is a schedule for the Selectboard to consider the Town Plan. Glenn said after the Selectboard makes any changes, they can schedule a public hearing. Tom and Glenn agreed that the deadline for adopting the Town Plan is September.
- 4) Adjourn – **Tom made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 AM. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison