

West Windsor Selectboard  
Draft Minutes  
April 21, 2015

Present: Dick Beatty, Tom Kenyon, Glenn Seward, Matthew Birmingham, Mark Isenberg, Jerry Ouelette, Bruce Boedtke, Martha Harrison, Cathy Archibald

1. Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Dick Beatty called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. Changes or additions to the agenda – Nilson property update, revised Environmental Information Document (EID) and letter for village sewer project, appoint authorized representatives for drinking water loan, site visit with AT&T, Police Report, use of parking lot for summer events including Fourth of July, timing of sewer construction, Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) membership and sewer ordinance, proposal for additional televising of sewer system, and inclinometer repair. Nilson property: Matt said he has been in touch with the Nilsons and the snowmobile group and made it clear that the town is in favor of a license rather than an easement. Matt noted that the town may forfeit the \$1,500 offered for an easement.
3. Public Comment – Bruce asked how long the Executive Session will take. Dick estimated 15 to 20 minutes.
4. Executive Session – **Glenn moved to go into Executive Session. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** After discussion, **Tom moved to come out of Executive Session. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Dick noted that no action was taken.
5. Consider issues associated with acquisition of mountain property – Dick noted that these issues were considered in executive session.
6. Prepare for Special Town Meeting – Tom noted that if Article 2 passes, the actual election of two additional Selectboard members would not take place until the March 2016 town meeting. Regarding Article 3, Glenn asked if the Selectboard should make some effort to inform voters of the importance of the Deer Run Road issue. Tom said hopefully something will be resolved at the proposed meeting with Mountainside Condos and their attorney. Tom asked if the meeting will be held on Saturday. Martha said it hasn't been scheduled yet but, if it is on Saturday, that only leaves nine days to get the word out to voters. Bruce asked for clarification on the Deer Run Road issue. Tom said the town is trying to arrange a meeting with Mountainside to come up with a plan that will serve the best interests of both parties. Dick said the purpose of the meeting is to resolve the issues concerning the roadway so we have information to present at the town meeting. Dick said Mountainside wants the town to take over the road and there are questions about which sections of road are involved and the associated costs, among other things. Tom said he's not sure the Mountainside condo owners understand the pros and cons and the ramifications of having a public road through their property. Martha said if Article 3 were to be voted down, then the Selectboard would no longer have the authorization to acquire Deer Run Road, which is part of the 460-acre mountain parcel the town wants to acquire. If we can't acquire the road, Martha said, we can't acquire the 460-acre parcel. Dick said the town could still acquire the property if the seller agrees to keep the road, which he may not want to do. Dick said the Selectboard is trying to resolve the issues before the special town meeting. Martha asked if the Selectboard is planning to take a position on the issue. Tom said he is not prepared to take a position on it at this

time. Dick said Matt usually puts the issues on the table and invites the Selectboard to comment. At that time, Dick said, the Selectboard can share the results of their meeting with Mountainside.

7. Review town and highway budgets – Cathy provided the Selectboard with actual income and expenses to date, compared with budgeted income and expenses. No one had any questions or concerns at this time.
8. Other Business – Police Report: Tom said someone contacted him with concerns about the increase in B&Es whenever there is a construction project going on at the resort. Tom suggested asking the police department to do more patrols in that area during the day. Dick asked Martha to contact the Windsor Police Department with Tom's suggestion. Summer event property use: Dick said he met with Mike Silverman and Mike is okay with using the parking lot which the town has under lease for the Vermont 50. Martha said the other event organizers have asked if the fee is just for the Cunningham area or for all MFW property, including the trails. Glenn said the town has a license to use the trails, which is presumptively renewed. Dick said the event organizers should be made aware that they're not going to be able to use the Cunningham area. Dick said he is not in favor of paying the requested fee for use of the property. Tom asked if the other events would be able to move to the parking lot. Martha said she will check with the event organizers. Bruce asked about restricting access to the burned-out base lodge. Dick said that property is owned by MFW and the town has no control over it. Tom asked if there is other property, owned by Orange Lake, that the events might utilize. Martha said some of the property in the hotel area is owned by Orange Lake. Dick said the fitness center and associated parking area are owned by Orange Lake. Dick suggested that the event organizers contact Orange Lake about the use of their facilities. Glenn suggested contacting Chris Dugan, MFW's attorney, to find out which property would be off limits if the town chooses not to pay the requested fee. Mark was concerned about the trail license being revoked. There was discussion about whose property has been used for the July Fourth fireworks. Glenn said he thinks it's Orange Lake's property. Martha agreed to send Bruce a map showing which property is owned by Orange Lake. Glenn said the town should pursue license agreements with the Windsor Building and the Snowdance timeshare organization, which manages the Hanover Building. Glenn said Tom Carroll is the President of the Snowdance timeshare organization. Televising of sewer system: The Selectboard agreed to refer the proposal to the Utility Advisory Committee for their recommendation. Sewer construction timing: Dick said the bid packages are scheduled to go out at the end of May so construction would not begin until July. Dick said he doesn't think the selected contractor will break ground prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Tom asked if the project will be done this year. Dick said they would like to finish the project this year but the town has authorization from our funders to continue into next year if necessary. Drinking water loan representatives: Martha said the Drinking Water Division asked the town to appoint a representative to take Glenn's place, given his resignation from the Selectboard. By unanimous consent, the Selectboard appointed Dick to take Glenn's place, with Martha as an alternate representative. Inclinometer repair: The Selectboard agreed that the inclinometer measuring movement on the Brownsville-Hartland Road slope, north of Coon Club Road, should be repaired at a cost of \$500. EID & letter (village sewer): Martha said A+E asked her to sign a letter to Robert Pelosi submitting the Environmental Information Document for the bid alternate. The Selectboard agreed that Martha should sign the letter. Sewer line pump station: Tom said he is inquiring with A+E about moving

the pump station proposed for the fire station property further west. Dick noted his understanding, after talking with Paul Giuliani, that the snowmaking system and Snow Storm One are part of the water system the town is proposing to acquire. Tom asked if the repairs to the water system can include repairing the transformer associated with Snow Storm One. Glenn said he doesn't think so because the transformer has nothing to do with the domestic water supply. Jerry asked if the pumps in Snow Storm One are still functional. Glenn said they were two years ago when he fired them up. Glenn said the pumps could be used for firefighting in the village but if the fire department doesn't need them and there are no plans for snowmaking, maybe the town doesn't want that pump station. Tom said the public buildings in the village are going to need to have sprinkler systems at some point and asked if the proposed new domestic water supply tank could be the source of water for those sprinkler systems. Glenn suggested asking A+E.

9. Sign Town Clerk's orders – **Tom moved to sign orders. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
10. Adjourn – **Tom moved to adjourn at 9:15 AM. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison