

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes

April 6, 2012

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtger, Martha Harrison, Mike Gannon

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
- 2) Changes or additions – Tom had some issues to discuss under “Other Business.”
- 3) Executive Session: Contract issues/fire district – **Glenn made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contract issues and fire district matters. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** After discussion, at 8:28 AM, **Glenn moved to come out of Executive Session. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Glenn noted that no action was taken. Mike asked about the fire district discussion. Glenn said things are not going well in the town’s discussions with the owners of the sewer system, so POA President John Bossen brought up the notion of a fire district again and the Selectboard was discussing that along with other contract-related issues. Glenn said the ball is in the POA’s court regarding the fire district, which he will convey to John Bossen. Glenn added that the town has not given up on the possibility of purchasing the sewer line but there are some roadblocks. Mike said there’s no point in the POA going forward with a fire district if they’re not going to get the support of the Selectboard. Tom said the town’s standard procedure is to consult with legal counsel. Glenn noted that the Selectboard is going to meet with Dan Purjes later this month.
- 4) Other Business – Nilson property: Tom said he talked to John Springer, who said the town needs proof of ownership from Barbara Nilson. House behind Sheddsville Cemetery: The owner is concerned about some dying Ash trees. Tom proposed allowing Dennis Lemire to clean out some of those trees. Glenn and Bruce had no objection. Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Projects: Glenn said NRCS needs some information from the Town Clerk. Glenn added that there are four or five approved projects in West Windsor, which have to be done by August 28th. Glenn said the surveying was done last year but he doesn’t know if designs have been done. Tom asked if work is going to be done across the brook from Edson Pierce on Orange Lake property. Glenn said he thinks NRCS is going to fix the damaged portion on the north side of the brook. Tom asked if NRCS will meet with affected property owners before starting the work. Glenn said yes. Fire Department: Tom said the Fire Department voted last night to alarm their building, so all public buildings will be alarmed. Law Enforcement: Tom said the Windsor Police Department has been out scouting the area and that seems to be going well. Glenn said he thinks Windsor has two people in the Police Academy. Glenn said he asked the Windsor Police Chief about starting coverage of West Windsor before July 1st. According to Glenn, Chief Soares said they can definitely start on July 1st and will consider starting earlier if they can. On a related note, Glenn said he has asked Martha to check with the Correctional Facility on the cost of 911 number signs. Bruce said he thinks the town should post the numbers for all residences. With the change in law enforcement coverage, Bruce said, it’s a necessity for public safety to have the numbers posted. There was discussion about whether it should be required when the house number is clearly visible from the road. Martha asked about private roads. Bruce said he thinks private roads should be included. Bruce agreed that the town should get a cost estimate, and added that he likes the signs in Reading and Woodstock. Sewer acquisition inquiries: Bruce said he thinks the Selectboard members should tell people who want to discuss this issue that they need to come to a Selectboard meeting and bring it up; individual members should not discuss it or express an opinion. Tom said the Selectboard is obligated to keep the public informed. Bruce agreed but said he’d rather have the discussion on the record.
- 5) Adjourn - **Glenn moved to adjourn at 8:47 AM. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison