

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes
August 11, 2012

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtke, Frank Brock, Dennis & Tammy Conley, Rudy Gross, Erik Boedtke, Alan Ewald, David DeSchamp, Jr., *VT Standard* Reporter George Calver, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- 2) Funding options for improvements on Coaching Lane Extension – Glenn said the town can fund the improvements and pass the cost on to the residents with a special assessment included in their tax bill. Glenn said everyone involved would have to agree; otherwise, it would have to go to a town vote. Rudy said Dan Lesnick's cost estimate was \$69,000. Glenn said much of the work could be done by the town, which would lower the cost. Glenn said the total cost would be divided by the number of residents on the road. There was discussion about the number of property owners on the road. Bruce noted that Frank's access is not on Coaching Lane Extension so he should not be assessed. Glenn said Snowdance would have to deed the right-of-way (ROW) to the town. Bruce said he's not sure the ROW would be sufficient to accommodate a turn-around. Bruce asked how long the payback term would be and how much the property owners would pay per year. Rudy said he already upgraded his culvert in anticipation of the town taking over the road and he would like to be credited for that unless everyone else is going to upgrade their own culverts as well. The Selectboard members agreed that the town has never been responsible for private accesses onto a town highway and they're not going to start now. Erik suggested waiting to install culverts until the road is upgraded so the drainage is appropriate. Using a rough estimate of \$45,000, Glenn estimated a per owner cost of \$500 per year for 10 years. Frank noted that there are eleven lots. Tom noted that the current annual maintenance costs would go away, which would help offset the added cost. Those present agreed that \$500 per year would be reasonable. There was discussion about whether property values would increase if the town takes over the road. Glenn said that's a question for the Listers. Rudy asked when all this would take place. Glenn said if everyone agrees, he would suggest putting in a turnaround immediately and having the town start maintaining the road. Tom said the town will have to determine who the rightful owner of Snowdance is. Glenn said the first thing to do is talk with Snowdance, which he will do this week. Glenn said if they are supportive, the Selectboard will fine tune the cost estimate, get it to the property owners, and ask Matt Birmingham to draw up the paperwork. Dennis asked about cutting trees. Glenn said the road would have to be widened so some trees would be cut. Frank said the corner should be cleared for safety purposes. Rudy asked if the Stop sign could be changed to a Yield sign. Glenn said the Highway Foreman will be consulted about signage. David asked about a speed limit sign. Tom said he and Ralph Johnson only clocked 13 cars in almost 3 hours and you need 100 cars for a valid traffic study. Discussion followed. Rudy asked about the intersection of Route 44 and Coaching Lane. Tom said the state is aware that there is a problem with that intersection. Discussion followed. Regarding the need for a turn-around at the end of Coaching Lane Extension, Tom said he thinks there is a survey of the lots showing the proposed cul de sac. Bruce suggested discussing the turn-around with Mike Spackman.
- 3) Adjourn – **Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 AM. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison