

## WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes

August 29, 2011 (evening)

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtke, Mike Spackman, Jim Kenyon, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and reported that Martha is having difficulty contacting Vermont Emergency Management. Glenn said he contacted the regional planning commission to find out what the town might expect from the state or the federal government, but they didn't know. Glenn said he also spoke with John Bartholomew and Alice Nitka. Glenn said he was informed that we should keep track of temporary and permanent repair work by job site for emergency funding from the state. Glenn agreed to inform each contractor that we will need detailed documentation. Mike said 90-95% of the roads will be passable by the end of the day. Glenn said at the end of the day tomorrow, we should start to consider permanent repair work. Mike said there's a 300' section of Harrington Road that's going to go. The Selectboard members and Mike reviewed a list of damaged roads and talked about priorities. Regarding Brook Road, Glenn said we can contact Windsor tomorrow. Mike said he thinks Churchill Road is a priority because the people on the Weathersfield end can't get out. Tom asked about the Bowers covered bridge. Glenn said when FEMA comes, we'll drive them around. Tom asked about private property damage. Glenn said there may be FEMA money. Glenn said we'll start looking at costs for priority areas. Bruce asked where the 75% funding for emergency repairs stops and FEMA takes over. Glenn said he believes the emergency repair funding stops when vehicles can pass safely over the road. Mike asked what is considered "safe." Jim asked if the town gets involved with the fire department. Jim said they've been in touch with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) about insurance and have done most of what VLCT asked them to do. Jim asked Bruce what it will cost to fix the septic system. Bruce said that will depend on whether the state will allow it to be replaced "in kind" under the circumstances. Jim said the fire department's well is partly gone. Tom said he has asked VLCT to send an adjuster. Tom said he wants the insurance company to guarantee that they will continue to insure the building at the same rate. Bruce said the foundation of the fire department is undermined and should be reinforced. Bruce said he wouldn't start backfilling. Mike and Tom agreed that the walls and insulation have to be ripped out of the fire station. Tom said the furnace was exposed to water. There was discussion about whether culverts should be replaced. Glenn said he would like to know who's going to pay for the repairs before we get too deep. Mike agreed that we should do another assessment after tomorrow. Mike said he has Matt Waters, Randy Perry, Dan Lesnick and Jon Murphy working on repairs. Jim said Gary Burke and Jim Farrell offered their assistance. Jim said as far as he knows everyone in town now has power and phone service. Glenn said at the bottom of Hatch's Hill debris backed up at the bridge and the water went to the Windsor side of the bridge and took out 60' to 80' of road along with the sewer line. Glenn said they're trucking sewerage from the pump station by Ski Tow Road until they can get the pipe reconnected. With regard to the resort's water system, they think the General Store's water line broke which drained all the reservoirs. Glenn said the resort is waiting for power to be restored so they can start pumping water back

into the tanks. Jim said Windsor has a fire truck stationed at Ronnie Vezina's in case there's a fire call from the Resort. Mike said Ascutney could also respond via Route 44A. Jim said Windsor also has an ambulance in Reading which will be manned until 10:00 PM tonight and again starting at 8:00 AM tomorrow. Glenn said considering what we went through, we're in pretty good shape. Mike said the Agency of Transportation (AOT) told him that there are 12 state highway bridges out in District 4. Bruce asked about the bridge by Kimball Farm Road. Mike said AOT had been inspecting that weekly. Mike said some of the asphalt has lifted. Jim asked how many inches of rain we got. Mike said 7 3/4". Jim said Bill Ley got 9". The Selectboard filled out a spot report to send to VT Emergency Management. Glenn said 15% of the roads were impassable after the storm. Mike said we need a form indicating the road, the miles of the road, and where it was fixed. Glenn said he will meet with Mike tomorrow morning at 7:00 AM at the Town Garage.

- 2) Adjourn – **Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison