

West Windsor Select Board

Draft Minutes

December 11, 2012

West Windsor Highway Garage

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtke, Mike Spackman, Gary Austin, Phil Hathorn

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM. Glenn expressed the board's pleasure with highway operations over the last year. Glenn suggested a 3% increase in salaries or an equal amount to be placed in the employee's HSA. Phil felt the increase should be placed in salaries given the expected uncertainties with health insurance over the next couple of years. Bruce asked Mike and Gary if that met with their approval. Both agreed. Glenn noted the highway budget was over spent at this point and asked that the budget for next year be level funded. Tom mentioned concerns from residents regarding the overall state of the economy and the effect of town wide reappraisal on taxes. Mike said it will be very difficult to level fund due to the increase in costs. There was general discussion regarding road conditions with all agreeing a program of resurfacing be considered. Glenn suggested a base budget with a separate line item requesting funding for additional gravel. Bruce said the request should meet with the voter's approval since most seem to take pride in the roads in West Windsor. Mike suggested that a fund be created for this purpose which could be voted on each year. All agreed it would take a substantial amount of money to bring the roads back into acceptable condition due to an extended period of deferred maintenance. Tom mentioned concern among some residents regarding the purchase of the new truck. All agreed it was in the best interest of the town to own a smaller truck with Bruce commenting it would ultimately save the tax-payers money on the operation and maintenance of the larger trucks.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 AM