

## WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes

July 10, 2013

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtger, Nate Pion (Aldrich & Elliott), Kevin Camara (Aldrich & Elliott), Joe Duncan (Aldrich & Elliott), Tom Marsh (Manager, Town of Windsor), Chris Callahan (Attorney, Town of Windsor), Matt Birmingham (Attorney, Town of West Windsor), Todd Enright (Attorney, Snowdance LLC), Michael Thompson (Attorney, Orange Lake, by speaker phone), Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.
- 2) Discuss upcoming Act 250 hearing – Glenn asked Aldrich & Elliott for an overview of what to expect. Joe said sometimes the Act 250 Board goes through each criterion and sometimes they just ask questions on specific issues. Tom asked who determines party status. Chris said the Commissioners decide. Glenn asked if opening statements are allowed. Chris explained in general terms how an Act 250 hearing typically proceeds. Glenn said he would like Matt to provide an overview and Aldrich & Elliott to answer any technical questions. Joe noted that Windsor is a co-applicant because of the potential transfer to them of a portion of the infrastructure. Glenn asked when the town might be able to get a decision from the Commission and complete the transfer. Joe estimated 60 to 90 days depending on whether additional information is requested or not. Chris noted that transparency is important. Joe suggested including in the overview a summary of everyone's concerns and how those concerns have been addressed. Joe said most of the ten criteria are not applicable. There was discussion about how to address the potential for growth provided by the acquisition of the sewer system. Joe said he thinks West Windsor should be treated like every other municipality that controls a sewer system, without oversight by an entity like the Windsor-Ascutney Sewage Treatment Enterprise (WASTE). Matt agreed that WASTE should no longer be necessary. Glenn said one concern that will be raised is that many of those who are being served by the system are not residents and have no voting rights. Joe noted that the situation is similar in Killington and Stowe. The Act 250 hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. There was discussion about the Sewer Advisory Board. Glenn said the Selectboard should have the authority to approve Advisory Board members. Glenn said funding for future expansion also needs to be addressed. Bruce said if the sewer is expanded into the village, an amendment to the Act 250 permit will be required. Joe agreed but said the town should not have to address the growth issue in the amendment. Joe said adding more users is generally advantageous to the existing users. Tom Marsh said Windsor is supportive of the plan as presented and will indicate that at the hearing. No one was able to anticipate an objection to transferring the portion of the system that is located in Windsor to the Town of Windsor.
- 3) Adjourn – **Tom moved to adjourn at 3:48 PM. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison