

West Windsor Selectboard Minutes
Monday, July 10, 2023
6:30 pm Town Hall and Zoom

Present in Person: Matt Kantola, Mark Higgins, Mark Harley, Cathy Archibald, Matt Frederick

Present via Zoom: Bill Ley, Chris Eggleton, Linda Ley, Bill Ley, Susan Yost, Deb Shearer

1. Call to order

Matt Kantola called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Changes or Additions to Agenda

No changes or additions to the agenda.

3. Announcements / Public Comment

The Selectboard thanked the Highway department for efforts with the rain. Mike Spackman explained the current state of affairs and the remaining risks to the town.

4. Town Clerk's Orders

Matt Kantola noted that there was an additional charge for the police detail for the July 3 fireworks show but all else was as expected.

5. Highway Foreman's Report

Mike Spackman noted that the mowing is complete. The Town tractor is at talc plant for what is believed to be a solenoid issue and hopefully it's doing okay with the current rain. Storm damage as yet unknown. We are currently somewhere between twice and four times the amount of rain we normally get. At the request of Mike Spackman, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the request to ensure that the Town honors its commitments under the mutual aid agreements in place with neighboring communities.

6. Sustainability Committee Appointment

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the appointment of Jill Crowley to the Sustainability Committee.

7. Kantola Event Permit – August 12

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved (with Matt abstaining) the event permit for the Kantola-Schute wedding on August 12.

8. Aging in Place Request – Exercise Class

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the request by Aging in Place to hold an additional exercise class at the Town Hall.

9. Mailbox Request – Rt. 44

Matt Kantola raised the issue of a mailbox sited in the village on Rt. 44 overhanging the sidewalk. The United States Postal Service has stated that it cannot deliver to the location and that they have outlined other options to the homeowner. The local postmaster has recommended mailbox be placed at the end of Brook Road. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the postmaster's recommendation and would request removal of the mailbox from its current location.

10. Midyear Financials Review

The Selectboard elected to conduct the midyear financial review at its next meeting.

11. 2023 Tax Rate Approval

Cathy presented the tax rate figures for the 2023 taxes. The municipal tax rate increased from \$.4806 per \$1,000 to \$.4927 per \$1,000, an increase of \$0.012 year over year. The education tax rate increased to \$1.6682 per \$1,000 (from \$1.4651 the year prior) for homestead and to \$1.7715 per \$1,000 (from \$1.6481 the year prior). Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the homestead tax rate at \$2.1609 per \$1,000 and the non-resident tax rate at \$2.2642 per \$1,000.

12. Other Business

Linda Ley thanked the Town on behalf of the IDC for its assistance with the Fourth of July celebration.

13. Approve Minutes of June 26

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously approved the minutes of June 26, 2023 and July 3, 2023.

14. Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously voted to go into executive session for the reasons set forth in 1 V.S.A. § 313(3).

15. Adjourn

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously voted to exit executive session and adjourn at 8:05pm.