

## WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes

July 19, 2013

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtke, Cathy Archibald, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.
- 2) Public Comment - None
- 3) Town Clerk's orders – **Glenn moved to sign orders. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 4) Set municipal tax rate – Tom proposed adding 3 cents to the tax rate to cover highway indebtedness. Glenn said the town's out-of-pocket expenses related to Tropical Storm Irene were in excess of \$40,000. Bruce noted that the town did well in collecting money due from FEMA. Glenn agreed. Glenn commented on the disturbing state education property tax rate and noted his surprise that it takes five times as much money to run the school as it does to run the town. Tom said it appears that the state tax formula includes the amount paid for private school students as an expense but does not include those 11 or 12 students in the pupil count. Tom said he would like to get clarification on that. Glenn said the impetus for change will have to come from the taxpayers and this may be the tipping point. Tom said special education should be a state liability funded through the state property tax. **Tom moved to set the local tax rate at 40 cents, with 11 cents for the town, 18 cents for the highway, 4 cents for appropriations, 4 cents for Act 144, and 3 cents for highway indebtedness. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 5) Other Business – Mower: Cathy suggested covering the cost of purchasing the mower with the \$6,500 budgeted for renting a mower, \$13,500 from the reserve fund, and \$10,000 from the equipment fund. The Selectboard agreed. Fee waiver: Martha asked the Selectboard if they are still willing to waive zoning fees for Irene-related repairs. The Selectboard members said yes.
- 6) Adjourn – **Tom moved to adjourn at 7:10 AM. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison