

## WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes

June 7, 2013

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Cathy Archibald, George Calver (*VT Standard*), Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- 2) Public Comment – None
- 3) Town Clerk's orders – **Tom moved to sign orders. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** The Selectboard also discussed the Daniel Cady fund CD and decided to put the money in a savings account instead.
- 4) Discuss abstract Grand List – Glenn said there's going to be a substantial decrease in the Grand List, which will result in a substantial increase in the municipal tax rate. The Selectboard agreed that they have no knowledge of, or control over, the state tax rate. Tom asked if the reappraisal results are going to be mailed out to property owners. Cathy said yes. Tom asked when the results will be available. Glenn said there are still a number of issues that need to be resolved so it could be as much as two weeks before it is mailed out.
- 5) Reconsider amount allocated for lawn mower purchase for cemetery maintenance – **Glenn moved to revise the previous amount allocated to \$3,300 as the town's contribution towards the new mower purchase. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 6) Discuss and consider signing sewer Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) amendment – Glenn said the amendment arose from discussions with the District 2 Environmental Commission. **Glenn moved to sign the Asset Purchase Agreement Amendment. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Tom moved to authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the Selectboard. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 7) Discuss and consider signing Act 250 sewer application – Glenn said there has been no change to the application other than the addition to the APA amendment. **Glenn moved to authorize the Chair to sign the application on behalf of the Selectboard. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Glenn noted that he plans to submit the application to the District 2 Commission in Springfield on Monday.
- 8) Discuss financing for fiber optic line extension from Reading to Brownsville – Glenn said he is meeting with Mascoma Bank on Tuesday at 3:00 PM in Windsor. Glenn noted that Mascoma is currently involved with EC Fiber financing and is very familiar with the concept.
- 9) Discuss and consider contribution to Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership (MAPP) grant project for crosswalks and a bike/pedestrian connector trail – Glenn said he and Martha met with Courtney McKaig (MAPP) and Jason Rasmussen (Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission) on Wednesday. Jason provided a draft of an MOU later that day with enough information for our \$6,000 grant to be approved. However, Glenn said the state and MAPP look favorably on the town contributing in some way. Glenn suggested that the town contribute the trucking, one load of hardpack, and some of Jim Lyall's time for construction of the connector path. Glenn said the Highway Foreman was fine with the trucking and hardpack coming out of the highway budget. Tom asked if Jim Lyall's time could be covered with surplus funds. Glenn agreed. George asked about the route for the path. Glenn said it

would start in town and end at the Cunningham Building. In addition, Glenn said, crosswalks will be installed across the Brownsville-Hartland Road, across Route 44, and across Hotel Road. Glenn said VTrans will help determine appropriate locations for the crosswalks. Glenn said VTrans will provide the stenciling and signage for the Route 44 crosswalk but the curb cut and detector plate would come from grant funds. Glenn said he has asked Blanchard Contracting to provide an estimate for the cost of the curb cut. Tom noted increased pedestrian traffic associated with the school. Glenn said he'd like to use some of the funding to update the 1999 Pedestrian Master Plan. Tom said we should encourage the owner of Hotel Road to come up with a plan for pedestrian traffic from the hotel to the recreational facilities. Glenn said he is scheduled to talk with Orange Lake's Attorney Michael Thompson later today and will mention that.

10) Discuss District 2 Environmental Commission meeting at former talc plant – Glenn said he, Martha, the Querrey group, and various officials from Act 250 and the Agency of Natural Resources met at the plant this morning. Glenn said it appears that the project will not move forward and expressed his disappointment. Glenn said recently generated maps put most of the property, including the buildings, in a “no fill, no build” zone. Glenn said he has a draft of a letter expressing his concerns that he would like to send to the Governor, with the Selectboard's approval. Glenn said indications are that moving the storage area would trigger a full Act 250 review, which the prospective buyers are not interested in pursuing. Discussion followed.

11) Other Business - None

12) Adjourn – **Glenn moved to adjourn at 3:30 PM. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison