

West Windsor Selectboard  
Draft Minutes  
March 3, 2020

Present: Win Johnson, Brett Myers, Matt Kantola, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Win Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:25 AM.
- 2) Elect Officers – Chair: **Brett moved to nominate Win Johnson for the position of Chair. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Vice Chair: Win moved to nominate Brett Myers for the position of Vice Chair. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3) Adopt Rules of Procedure – **Brett moved to re-adopt the West Windsor Rules of Procedure** (originally adopted October 17, 2016). **Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 4) Designate newspaper of record – **Matt moved to designate the Vermont Standard as West Windsor’s newspaper of record. Brett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 5) Designate regular meeting day and time – **Win moved to continue regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 PM. Brett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 6) Appoint Town Officers – Fence Viewers: **Brett moved to re-appoint Tom Kenyon, Rad Dike and Dennis Brown as Fence Viewers. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Inspector of Lumber & Service Officer: Win said there are no incumbents and no nominees so the Selectboard can pass over these appointments for now. Pound Keeper: Win said this would allow the Town to impound a dog if we need to, although the Windsor Police Department would usually take care of it. **Brett moved to re-appoint the Selectboard as Pound Keepers. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Tree Warden: **Brett moved to re-appoint Tom Kenyon as Tree Warden. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 7) Report on Tax Sale – Win said he thought a lot about the Selectboard’s decision to authorize him, on behalf of the Town, to purchase the condos whose owners are delinquent on their taxes. Win said he also spoke with several people about it, including a couple of former Selectboard members and the Town Attorney, and based on those discussions and Brett’s reservations, he decided not to bid on the properties. Win said he also talked with the owner of the properties, who agreed to pay at least some of the delinquent taxes in the next few weeks. Win said if the owner is serious about improving the properties, perhaps the Selectboard could put him in touch with the Windsor County Economic Development Council or Efficiency Vermont. Win said improving the building is in everyone’s best interest. Matt asked about the other properties. Win said one of the condos was purchased, as was the parcel on Yale Heights. Win said the overbid on the Yale Heights property will go into an escrow account and, if the owner redeems the property within a year, the purchaser will get that amount back.
- 8) Sign Tax Sale Resolution – **Brett moved to authorize Win to sign the document. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 9) Other Business that may arise as a result of Town Meeting – Penalties for late tax payments: Win said the delinquent tax penalty issue has come up in the past and he thinks the current procedure was voted on at a Town Meeting so he’s not sure the Selectboard can change it,

although he feels that it's pretty draconian. Matt asked what neighboring towns do. Win asked Martha to find out. Coronavirus discussion: Win said they agreed to discuss this at the meeting next Monday night so Elvin Kaplan and others can attend. Win said he hasn't heard anything from the state, or from any hospitals, about what towns should be doing. Matt suggested recruiting volunteers to deliver meals to people who are quarantined. Brett said some people may need a ride to an appointment. Win suggested coming in on Monday night with a list of issues and then brainstorming additional issues with those who attend the meeting. For medical issues, Brett said, we have to go with state guidelines but, for our community, we should do some contingency planning with Mike, Nancy and others. Brett said we should also figure out who people can call if they need assistance.

10) Adjourn – **Brett moved to adjourn at 11:45 AM. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison