

West Windsor Selectboard
Draft Minutes
May 3, 2016

Present: Dick Beatty, Tom Kenyon, Win Johnson, Martha Harrison, Dan Potter (SWCRPC), Steven LaRosa (Weston & Sampson)

The West Windsor Selectboard and Town Administrator met with Dan Potter and Steven LaRosa at the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission office in Ascutney, VT on May 3rd at 1:00 PM to discuss the soil contamination on the former resort maintenance garage property. As the author of the Phase II environmental site assessment, Steven was able to answer questions about the report, the site, and the current situation. As background, the town hired a contractor, Calkins Excavating, to remove a 20,000-gallon underground storage tank from the site. The contractor found and excavated gas contaminated soils adjacent to the area where the UST was located. After consulting with the UST Program, the town agreed to ship the gas contaminated soils to a waste facility. The contractor also removed an above-ground storage tank, as well as piping that ran from the UST to the compressor pad area. In removing the piping, the contractor found and excavated diesel contaminated soil. When the diesel contaminated soil was partially excavated, the town asked the contractor to stop and stock-pile the soil on site, to give the town time to consult with the state and Steven LaRosa on how to proceed. Those present reviewed the work that has been done to date and the associated costs, as well as the cost estimate to ship the stock-piled soil to a waste facility. There was discussion about whether or not the town might be eligible for financial assistance from the Petroleum Cleanup Fund. Steven thought it was possible that the removal of the gas-contaminated soils might be eligible. Dan didn't think it was likely but agreed to look into it. Steven reviewed the maps in the Phase II report and explained the types and concentrations of contaminants that had been identified during the study, and the location of those contaminants on the site. Steven said the study found no evidence of contamination of ground water and, since the site has been inactive for six years, the risk is diminishing over time. Steven described several options for dealing with the stock-piled soil, including putting it back in the hole, as recommended by the state. Tom and Win were reluctant to put it back in the hole from which it was excavated given the proximity to the brook and concern about the possibility of stream bank erosion in a future flood event. **Win moved to hire Weston & Sampson to recommend the most cost-effective way to safely deal with the stock-piled soil. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison