

West Windsor Selectboard
Draft Minutes
September 3, 2019

Present: Win Johnson, Matt Kantola, Tom Kenyon, Peter Varkonyi, Lauren Stevens, Glenn & Shelley Seward

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Win Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.
- 2) Changes or Addition – See “Other Business” below.
- 3) Announcements/Public Comment – None
- 4) Event application by Butcher & Pantry for a Clam Bake on September 13th from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM at 871 Route 44 – **Matt moved to approve the event on the condition of strict alcohol surveillance, including signs stating “no alcohol beyond this point” on all sides, and a checker at the access point from Leland’s. Win seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 5) Consider proposal for additional structure demolition on mountain property – The Swards reported that Ascutney Outdoors has decided not to renovate for reuse as storage the east chair bottom lift enclosure; they recommend demolition instead. Cognizant of the danger of leaving the structure standing, its deplorable appearance on the site and the opportunity to use the land where it stands for other purposes, it was decided to allocate up to another \$5,000 for the project. **Matt made the motion. Win seconded it, and it passed unanimously.**
- 6) Update on Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Martha’s August 29th email was read into the record: “At the request of the contractors who attended the pre-bid meeting for the sewer project this past Tuesday, A+E is issuing an addendum to the bid advertisement extending the deadline to submit bids until September 9th at 1:00 PM. It generally takes A+E a week to analyze the bids for completeness and compliance with the requirements, and to make a recommendation to the Town about which bid to accept (if any). So we should plan to schedule a short meeting on September 17th, if that works for everyone, to award the contract. The time frame for construction that was discussed with the contractors on Tuesday was sixty days, starting after the Vermont 50 event - so essentially September 30th through November 30th.”
- 7) Other Business – Tree Warden: Tom recommended three new tree projects and the Board gave the go ahead as long as he could accommodate them within his budget or with only a small overrun. Harrington Road: Tom asked about the length of the road closure needed to complete the project. Win was unsure, but estimated it should be roughly the length of time last year’s Bible Hill project took. VT Overland: Riders monopolized Town roads in places. At the Brownsville-Hartland & Route 44 intersection people volunteered spontaneously to direct traffic because no other provisions had been made. Both lanes were filled by riders and without careful turns at the intersection. This event is held for a good cause, but additional measures must be taken next year to dampen the most flagrant abuses of expected highway protocol. Signs alerting townspeople of the event’s date and time should be considered. Gunfire in residential areas: Win brought up the recent occurrences of what many thought were inconsiderate episodes of gunfire in residential areas. These were not illegal and none triggered an enforcement action under the Town’s noise ordinance. That said, they all took advantage

of residents' reluctance to complain about a neighbor's actions. This kind of activity demonstrates a lack of civil care for other people. In one case, those involved were civil servants from another state where they would presumably be expected to be more considerate of their constituents. In another case, teenagers were involved, thereby teaching young people, by example, that consideration of their disruptive actions in the neighborhood is unimportant. Nearby permitted gun ranges should be the location where such activities are conducted.

8) Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin L. Johnson, Chair