

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes
September 4, 2012

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtke, Mike Spackman, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.
- 2) Discuss Coaching Lane reclassification & tax district – Coaching Lane: Glenn said Surveyor Bob Farnsworth is going to stake out the right-of-way from the end of the Class 4 portion of Coaching Lane to the Town Forest. Glenn said Bob is concerned that it will leave Steve Plaustiner with a sliver of land on the west side of the road. The Selectboard agreed to ask Steve if he would be willing to give the town that sliver of land as well. Martha said, from a zoning perspective, dividing land by a Class 3 road creates separate lots. Glenn added that no one can find the deed to the Giles lot and John Giles thinks that there may not be a deed; it may just be leftover land. Glenn said the town may have to ask Town Attorney Matt Birmingham to draft a deed. Coaching Lane Extension: Regarding Coaching Lane Extension, Glenn said Matt is prepared to draft contracts for property owners to sign but the Selectboard should meet with the highway foreman to determine a location for the turnaround. Tom asked about the two lots owned by Snowdance on Coaching Lane Extension. Glenn suggested that those who have an existing access to the road should pay for the improvements. Discussion followed.
- 3) Discuss possible truck purchase for highway department – The Selectboard and Highway Foreman Mike Spackman discussed options and pricing. The Selectboard agreed that the truck should have a hydraulic sander and asked Mike to get solid price quotes for them to consider at their regular meeting on September 10th.
- 4) FEMA appeal update – Regarding the Brownsville-Hartland Road, Glenn said all the paperwork we have sent to the state since February has been auto archived and they can't find it so FEMA is saying that the town did not apply in time. Glenn said he complained so the state agreed to send the town's information to FEMA but they don't have a good feeling about it. Glenn said the state may fund projects like this, which got mishandled, through the state highway grant program. Glenn said the town is also trying to recover the remaining balance due from FEMA for Bowers Covered Bridge.
- 5) Discuss Nilson property purchase – Glenn said Tom thinks the town may have a credit from the State Education Fund but we won't know that until the end of the year and it does not look like we have an extra \$60,000. Tom noted that the school's fiscal year ended on June 30th. Tom asked if the Conservation Commission (CC) might want to help with purchasing the Nilson property. The Selectboard agreed to discuss it with the CC at the joint meeting on September 13th.
- 6) Discuss preliminary wastewater engineering for village – Glenn said the state and Aldrich & Elliott have both suggested that the town include the pigging of the line and the evaluation in the preliminary engineering for the village, which would allow the town to finance the work at 0% and take advantage of a 30% "point of pollution" grant if any deficiencies are noted.
- 7) Set time and date for meeting with Aldrich & Elliott (wastewater engineering consultants) – Glenn asked Tom and Bruce if they would like to meet with Joe Duncan from A&E to discuss these proposed changes to the preliminary engineering proposal before he signs it.

Bruce said he does not need to meet with Joe but he would like to defer the pigging for as long as possible. Glenn and Tom agreed.

- 8) WASTE (Windsor-Ascutney Sewage Treatment Enterprise) update - There was discussion about the sewer line and collection system and whether or not any state agencies have any leverage in this situation. Village wastewater problem: Mike noted that there is still a problem with an on-site septic system in the village. Tom agreed and said the Health Officer should be notified.
- 9) Executive Session: utility purchase – **Glenn moved to go into Executive Session. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** After discussion, **Bruce moved to come out of Executive Session. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Considering the best interest of the town as a whole, and specifically the village, **Glenn made a motion to move ahead with a purchase of the sewer system alone and to consider a purchase of the water system separately at a later date. Bruce seconded and amended the motion to include a meeting with the parties to inform them of the Selectboard’s decision. Glenn accepted Bruce’s amendment and the motion passed unanimously.**
- 10) Other Business – Arson: Mike reported that there was a case of arson in town yesterday, and he was not happy with the response of the state fire investigator. Mike noted that the Windsor Police Department is handling the case. Town Forest signs: Tom said we need more Town Forest signs on Coaching Lane to prevent bikers from turning off at Dr. Kaplan’s property. Special Tax District: **Glenn moved to begin discussions regarding a special tax district to establish assessment for the sewer utility within the Ascutney Mountain Resort. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Ambulance: Bruce said he was approached by a resident who claimed that the ambulance took 45 minutes to respond to her call. Tom said he checked the records and the response time was actually 23 minutes but the individual was in pain so it probably seemed longer.
- 11) Adjourn –**Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 PM. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison