

West Windsor Selectboard
Draft Minutes
September 4, 2018

Present: Win Johnson, Matt Kantola, Brett Myers, Mike Spackman, Cathy Archibald, Marty Hunt, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Win Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.
- 2) Changes or additions to the agenda – concerns about VT Overland Bike Race; consider authorizing cost sharing on purchase of radar speed cart
- 3) Announcements/Public Comment – None
- 4) Town Clerk/Treasurer’s Report – Sign Town Clerk’s orders: **Matt moved to sign orders. Win seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Financial statements: Win said audit expenses are over budget so he asked John Mudgett for more information. Win noted that the Planning Commission budget is over due to the purchase of fire-proof filing cabinets. Also, the town was billed early for next year’s debt service payment on the loan to remove the underground storage tank so it was paid twice in the same year, which put that item over budget.
- 5) Request for brief closure of Ski Tow Road for Vermont 50 race – Win referred to the notes from the August 27th discussion with Mike Silverman and Rob Mather. **Matt moved to approve the requested road closure. Win seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 6) Event application: Ascutney Outdoors (AO) Center Grand Opening on September 23rd from 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM – Marty said they are hoping about 300 people will attend the event, and described the planned activities, food and entertainment. Win asked Marty if they are planning to have alcohol and police coverage. Marty said it will be a BYOB event in accordance with AO policy. Marty said she emailed Chief Sampson but has not heard back from him. Win suggested that she try again. Marty said she talked to Nancy Gaynor and Mike Spackman. **Brett moved to approve the event, provided any concerns Chief Sampson may have regarding the availability of alcohol are addressed. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Crosswalk: Win noted that Glenn Seward has requested a cross-walk over Ski Tow Road from the parking lot to the walking trail and asked Mike if the highway department can paint it. Mike said they have the paint but will have to order the signs. **Matt moved to install a proper cross-walk over Ski Tow Road. Brett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 7) Dog complaint enforcement – Win referred to the notes from the August 27th discussion and said there is no need to take any action.
- 8) Discussion of possible town ordinance needs regarding parking and false alarms – Win said this was discussed on August 27th and will be addressed again at some point in the future.
- 9) Highway – Radar speed sign: Win proposed notifying Windsor that we are willing to split the cost of the radar speed cart 50:50 up to a maximum of \$5,000 on our part, on the condition that it be in West Windsor 50% of the time. Brett said she thinks there will need to be a police presence periodically to reinforce the effect of the speed cart. Mike said he thinks a good speed cart would cost about \$8,000. Matt asked if it would come out of the highway budget. Win said it would come out of the police budget. In that case, Matt said, we’ll be over budget on that item. Win suggested coordinating with the police department on

enforcement once we have the speed cart in place. **Brett moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000 for a radar speed cart, provided the cost is shared 50:50 with Windsor, the device is in West Windsor 50% of the time and the logistics are handled by the Windsor Police Department. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Bible Hill culvert project: Mike said the project will begin on September 17th and the road will be closed until the middle of the next week (September 26th). Win asked Mike and Martha to post the road closure information on the Front Porch Forum. Grants-in-aid projects: Mike said they spent about \$9,000 to do the two projects on Coon Club Road so they have enough money to do another project. VT Overland Bike Race: Win asked Mike to share the complaints he has heard about the bike race. Mike said drivers were pushed off Sheddsville Road and Cemetery Road and another driver almost collided with a biker who pulled out in front of him on Rush Meadow Road at the intersection with Sheddsville. The biker yelled at the driver that there was a race in progress even though there were no signs indicating that. Win said he thinks we should communicate our concerns about the manner in which this race was conducted and our grave reservations about it being conducted in the same way ever again. Win asked Martha to draft a letter to the race organizer. Brett and Matt agreed. Mike said there were also complaints about bikers coming out onto Route 44 from Rush Meadow Road with no traffic control. Win noted that the race benefits the food shelf, which is good, but he's concerned that someone's going to get killed. Parrot agricultural access: Win said this was discussed at a previous meeting but the Selectboard neglected to vote on it. **Brett moved to ratify the Selectboard's approval of Ken Parrot's agricultural access at the east end of his property. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- 10) Johannensen trail update – Win said he and Martha are going to meet with the Town Manager and a Selectboard member in Hartland tomorrow to see if we can coordinate hearings and site visits. Win said there will be more information and formal action at the next meeting.
- 11) Mary Blood Library status update – Win said the library trustees are still working on this.
- 12) Email address change update – This was discussed on August 27th. No additional discussion.
- 13) Utility Reports – No utility reports were requested.
- 14) Approve 10% match for Municipal Planning Grant – Win said the Planning Commission needs to update the Town Plan and this grant will help defray the cost; if we get the grant, instead of paying 100% of the cost, we'll only have to pay 10%. **Matt moved to approve the 10% match. Brett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 15) Approve Minutes – **Brett moved to approve the minutes of July 23rd and August 13th. Matt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 16) Other Business – Motor vehicle crash with road damage: Mike said there was an accident on the Brownsville-Hartland Road that resulted in \$4,500 in damage to a town road and culvert header. Mike said the damages are going to be attached to the court costs but the work needs to be done before winter.
- 17) Adjourn – **Brett moved to adjourn at 5:33 PM. The motion passed without objection.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison