

**Town of West Windsor
Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 10:30am
Town Hall Auditorium**

Selectboard Members Present: Matt Kantola, Mark Harley, Mark Higgins

Town Employees Present: Amy Yates, Matt Frederick, Mike Spackman

Members of the Public Present: Sally & Perry Edson, Alessandro Iuppa, Cindy & Ted Siegler, Jean Goldsborough, Mike Dudley, David Hughes, Marcella Barrows, Sherry Barbour, Barbara Gerstner, Shelley Seward, Win & Rita Johnson, Al Keiller, Meg Clough, Deb Spackman, Daniel Waite, Linda Ley

1. Call to Order

Matt Kantola called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

2. Pre-Town Meeting

Matt K spoke about new additions to the town staff, including Town Administrator Matt Frederick, Town Clerk/Town Treasurer Amy Yates, and Librarian Liz Frederick.

Matt K led a review of the warned articles for Town Meeting. There were several questions from the public regarding Articles 3 and 4, proposing the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer positions be changed from elected to appointed.

Current Listers Win Johnson and Deb Spackman spoke to Article 5, and fielded questions about the proposed elimination of the Lister positions and the hiring of a professional assessor. Win and Deb stated that the Listers asked the Selectboard to move forward with this proposal, and that it is a change they see as necessary due to increasing educational requirements from the state.

The Selectboard responded to budget questions relating to the expenditure of ARPA funds. There was a discussion on ARPA projects, with a focus on flood resiliency in the town.

There were several questions from the public and a discussion relating to the proposed library budget, including the percentage of operating costs funded by the town and book purchases.

There was a discussion on the appropriation request from The Moover, which provides transportation between towns in the Upper Valley, relating to their services provided to West Windsor. The Selectboard will follow up with that organization to obtain specifics.

Linda Ley spoke about the Independence Day Committee and its annual funding and expenses. There was a discussion on the annual cost of fireworks.

Shelley Seward praised Matt K for his 6 years of service on the West Windsor Selectboard. Matt has chosen not to run for reelection.

3. Other Business

There was a discussion on the theft of town road signs, and the costs associated with replacing them. There was a recommendation from the public to post to Front Porch Forum regarding these ongoing thefts.

4. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The next Selectboard Meeting will take place immediately following the Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 5th.

5. Adjourn

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Selectboard unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:00pm.