

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Minutes

June 15, 2009

Present: Phil Arvidson, Tom Kenyon, Jamie Ennis

Absent: Bruce Boedtke

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Phil Arvidson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Tom noted that it is Monday, June 15, 2009.
- 2) Changes or additions to the agenda – None
- 3) Highway Access: David & Virginia Schoen (Cemetery Road) – Phil noted that this is the only item on the agenda and that the applicants' contractor is present on their behalf. Phil noted that the Selectboard has received a letter from David Schoen of Schoen & Strassman, LLP, dated June 10, 2009, which acknowledges that there is an easement granted to the property owners by the Town to access the property. Phil said in the letter Mr. Schoen acknowledges that the terms of the easement apply and will be carried out. Phil said Mr. Schoen further acknowledges that the ingress and egress will be used only for this particular property by one owner and that the erection of a permanent fence, probably post and rail, will be between the driveway and the adjacent Sheddsville Cemetery. Jamie agreed that the applicants intend to follow the wording in the deed and added that the Schoen's goal is to make as little impact as possible. Phil said when the Selectboard did the easement they carefully reviewed a letter on the subject from Town Attorney Matt Birmingham and based their decision on Matt's advice. Phil said he recalls that Tom was concerned about several things at the time, but the language of the easement addressed Tom's concerns. Tom noted that, at the Selectboard's last meeting, Mike Spackman agreed with the proposed location of the highway access. Tom noted that the right-of-way is only 50 feet and it's going to be centered. Tom said it is his understanding that the owners met with the neighbors, who are satisfied with the proposal, and the owners will preserve as many trees as possible on the left-hand side of the right-of-way as it goes down. Tom said he checked with CVPS and they are going to place a pole on the north side of Cemetery Road, another pole on the other side of the road, and from there the power will go underground in the right-of-way. Tom said CVPS does not allow high-voltage lines to be buried in the town highway right-of-way, a policy with which the Selectboard agrees. Tom said he assumes the telephone lines will follow the same course. Tom noted that Mike was satisfied with the culvert and the drainage so he doesn't see any further issues that need to be addressed. **Tom made a motion to allow David and Virginia Schoen to proceed to develop the right-of-way as proposed. Phil seconded the motion, which passed.**
- 4) Adjourn – **Tom made a motion to adjourn at 4:36 PM. The motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison