

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes
December 14, 2010

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtke

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.
- 2) 2010 Budget Review - The board acknowledged the excellent financial condition of the town and highway and noted a possible surplus. It was noted by Tom that the county tax rate is considerably less than last year, and that there is an increase in funds from current use and a recovery of delinquent tax money.
- 3) 2011 Town & Highway Budgets - Tom presented a list of considerations for the upcoming budget discussions which included possible payoff of the fire truck note, library roof replacement, funding of Mile Long Field purchase, town hall improvements and consideration of a reduction in tax rate. Glenn said consideration should be given to setting up an improvement fund for the town hall with the expectation of renovation in a few years. The board agreed. Bruce said he would prefer a relatively stable tax rate with no drastic swings. Tom and Glenn agreed. Glenn said some thought should be given to the addition to a rainy day fund, completion of the town forest survey, and funding for the town forest plan. Tom said that there may be a reduction in the amount requested by the fire department as well as the listers. Tom noted that the reappraisal is now scheduled for 2012. Bruce inquired as to the status of the constable situation. Glenn responded that Jason is still considering the game warden position and would not know his plans until January. Glenn said although he had not spoken to Ralph it is his assumption that Ralph will continue through this next year. Tom mentioned that we should consider a regionalized police force at some point that would include Reading, Windsor, Hartland, and Weathersfield. The board agreed that the idea is worth considering. Glenn mentioned that the highway crew insurance /rate situation needs to be discussed. Tom suggested alternatives that should be considered, including a possible bonus plan. The board agreed to discuss that alternative with the highway crew. The board acknowledged that the equipment fund is in reasonably good shape with expectation of a truck purchase in 2011. A schedule was discussed for budget line item meetings with Cathy and Mike. It was decided to schedule for Dec. 22nd and 23rd @ 7:30 AM.
- 4) Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Seward