

## WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes  
August 25, 2014

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtger, Barry Sleath (Daniels Construction), Martha Harrison

- 1) Site visit: The Selectboard met at the Ascutney Mountain Resort Base Lodge for a site visit from 8:00 AM until 8:40 AM.
- 2) Reconvene at Town Hall/ Call to Order - Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM, noting the earlier site visit.
- 3) Changes or Additions to the Agenda – Bruce requested a discussion about scheduling meetings.
- 4) Announcements/public comment - None
- 5) Open bids on the replacement of the Brownsville-Hartland Road culvert & consider awarding contract – Glenn said the town received one bid from Daniels Construction and noted that RFPs were sent to four companies and the project was also advertised in the *Vermont Standard*. Martha noted the deadline for submitting bids was Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The base amount of the bid from Daniels Construction was \$99,750 with an additional \$79,750 for retaining walls within the highway right-of-way, excluding guardrails, paving, rights-of-way and permanent easements. Martha said the grant for the project is between \$90,000 and \$100,000. Barry said the retaining wall would be right on the edge of the right-of-way; a less expensive alternative would be a rip-rapped slope but that would extend beyond the right-of-way. Glenn suggested that the town contact the property owners on each side to see if we can get permission to work outside of the right-of-way. Bruce and Tom agreed. **Glenn moved to table the proposal from Daniels Construction pending conversations with the abutting property owners. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 6) Open paving bids and consider paving expenditures for 2014 – For 1304’ on Pierce Hill, 850’ on Brownsville-Hartland Road, and a 540 square foot apron into Sheddsville, Springfield Paving bid \$27,270 for 335 tons of asphalt and Blaktop bid \$29,922 for 325 tons of asphalt. Cathy said there’s \$74,056 in the Paving Fund. **Glenn moved to accept proposal #82014 from Springfield Paving in the amount of \$27,270. Bruce seconded the motion.** Tom asked when the work will be done. Glenn said he expects that the Highway Foreman will work out the schedule with the contractor. **Glenn called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 7) Discuss and consider adopting resolution relating to the possible acquisition of resort property – **Tom moved to adopt the resolution. Bruce seconded the motion.** Glenn suggested adding “but not limited to” in #1 under “Resolved”. Tom and Bruce agreed. **Glenn called for a vote on the motion to adopt the resolution as amended, which passed unanimously.**
- 8) Discuss logistics re: possible acquisition of resort property – Glenn noted the Selectboard’s meeting with Dan Purjes, his Land Planner John Saydek, and the Trust for Public Land last week and said progress was made but there are legal issues that need to be worked out before the process can move forward much farther. Glenn said John Saydek will be producing plans for certain areas of the resort property. Glenn suggested scheduling another executive session with Dan and John once the plans are available. **Tom moved to authorize the Chair to look**

**into the legal issues associated with the possible acquisition of resort property. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Bruce suggested scheduling the next executive session for September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Glenn said he will try to arrange that. Glenn asked Tom and Bruce if they are okay with him discussing possible trail easements with Dan. **Tom moved to approve the discussion of trail easements by the Selectboard Chair and the property owner. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- 9) Application for Public Assembly: Weeks (Yale Heights) – Glenn said the application is for a wedding, starting at 4:00 PM and ending at midnight on September 6<sup>th</sup>. **Tom moved to approve the public assembly application by Tami and Kevin Weeks for a wedding at 173 Yale Heights Road on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 10) Bowers Bridge discussion – Glenn said he thinks Daniels Construction has looked at the bridge and estimated the repair costs at \$15,000. Glenn said Jan Lewandoski and Steve Bodley have also looked at the bridge but have not provided estimates yet. Glenn said he also asked Steve to price some sort of deterrent to prevent large vehicles from using the bridge. Glenn said Gary Sweeny has discouraged the town from putting a structure on the approaches due to liability concerns. Tom suggested posting the bridge with a “No Trucks” sign. Glenn said he has no problem with signs but he thinks that trucks will still use it. Bruce agreed. Glenn said his preference is to reduce the size of the opening to 8.5’ and then post it aggressively. Bruce suggested reflective strips. The Selectboard agreed to get estimates on the cost of an aesthetically compatible structural alteration that reduces the size of the bridge opening.
- 11) Discuss road closure grant – Glenn noted that the state has awarded the town approximately \$13,000 to assist with the impacts associated with having Route 44 traffic detoured onto town roads.
- 12) Tree removal: Sheddsville Cemetery – Tom said there’s a tree with a cracked limb but he thinks the tree is otherwise stable so he is not recommending its removal.
- 13) Other Business – Bruce would like the Selectboard to consider having a second regular meeting on the fourth Monday of every month at 8:00 AM. The Selectboard agreed to put Bruce’s suggestion on the agenda for September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 14) Sign orders – **Glenn moved to sign orders. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 15) Adjourn – **Glenn moved to adjourn at 9:17 AM. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison