

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes

December 15, 2011

Present: West Windsor Selectboard Members Glenn Seward & Bruce Boedtke, Windsor Town Manager Tom Marsh, Windsor Police Chief Steve Soares, Windsor Fire Chief Mark Kirko

The meeting began at 8:00 AM with Glenn outlining the need for law enforcement in West Windsor after July 1st due to Ralph's retirement. Glenn said that Ralph currently works 15-20 hours per week. Glenn said that the State Police had reported not to expect a quick response time to any emergency call and the sheriff's dept. is not set up for emergency services. Glenn asked about the possibility of Windsor providing service to West Windsor. Glenn said his main concern was to have a quick response to 911 calls with traffic control and patrols being secondary. Bruce asked about Windsor providing a response to just 911 calls. Steve responded that given their current staffing levels it would be impossible. Discussion of how Windsor schedules its police force took place with Steve saying that, in order for Windsor to provide 911 services, he would have to hire an additional officer at the cost of approx. \$70K per year which would get passed along to West Windsor. Tom said it could also be a benefit to Windsor having the additional staffing and there could possibly be random roving patrols scheduled in West Windsor in addition to the emergency call service. Steve concurred. Bruce asked if there would be a reduction in price since there may be a benefit to Windsor as well. Steve said it would be unlikely. Tom mentioned that there could be cost savings if we considered an ambulance contract as well. Mark mentioned the numerous advantages to the Windsor ambulance service, such as response time, access to specialized equipment, common personnel with the West Windsor FAST Squad, etc. Steve said he needs to make arrangements immediately if West Windsor is interested in pursuing this. Bruce asked when Windsor might have some pricing. Tom said by the end of next week. Glenn asked if they would prepare two different contracts for consideration, one for policing, and one with policing and ambulance. Windsor agreed. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Seward