

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

DRAFT MINUTES

DECEMBER 28, 2015

PRESENT: Dick Beatty, Ted Siegler, Tom Kenyon, Mike Spackman, Chief Bill Sampson, Laura Farrell, Cathy Archibald, Alan Keiller, Arthur Steinberg, Elvin Kaplan.

1. Call to Order - Dick Beatty called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM
2. Changes or additions to the agenda -status of water loss at well.
3. Announcements/Public Comment - none.
4. Discuss police services & contract- Windsor Police Chief Bill Sampson introduced himself and advised the Selectboard that things appeared to be going well with police coverage in West Windsor and would like to renew the contract for 2016 at the cost of \$85,000.00.
5. Sign Town Clerk's orders - Tom moved to sign Town Clerk's order, Ted seconded, and it was voted unanimously and Orders were signed by the Board.
6. Town Clerk/Treasurers's Report - None other than Cathy was preparing up to date figures for budget meeting on December 31, 2015.
7. Appoint Board & Committee members - tabled until future meetings.
8. Highway Foremen's report - Mike Spackman brought the Board up to date on the Highway Department.
9. Public Assembly application by Mt. Ascutney Outdoors for an all day celebration on February 6, 2016- Laura Farrell described the plans for a Celebration of the Mountain acquisition and the new rope tow to be held at the ski area on Ski Tow Road and answered any questions that the Board had concerning the same. Ted moved to approve the application, Tom seconded it, and the Board unanimously voted to approve it.
10. Discuss Maintenance Garage & Base Lodge - Possible uses of the Maintenance Garage were discussed with Laura Farrell weighing in for MT. Ascutney Outdoors and Mike Spackman weighing in for the Highway Department as well as providing winter plowing for access.
11. Village Sewer project - Tom brought the Board up to date and noted that the warm weather had allowed the contractor to get quite a bit more work completed this winter than had been expected.
12. Water System update - Various users had reported no water Sunday night and Patricia Beavers of P2 Environmental had been alerted and was taking steps to rectify the situation. Apparently the pump at the main well was not functioning and arrangements were being made to obtain a replacement pump and motor. In the meantime arrangements have been made to have drinking water brought in by tanker trucks and

in an attempt to refill the water reservoirs. Mike Spackman was asked if the Fire Department could help out in any way possible to get water flowing again and he graciously agreed to have the Fire Department do whatever it could despite the fact that it certainly was not its responsibility. Tom agreed to be the Board's man on the spot to monitor and provide back up to Patricia Beavers, our water operator.

13. Consider request for child care during Town Meeting - Discussion was had concerning this request. Cathy indicated that it was probably not something that was feasible. The Board thought that perhaps the nearby school would be a more appropriate site and atmosphere to provide child care during Town Meeting.
14. Fourth of July - Tom indicated that the Fire Department voted on December 23, 2015 to have a Fourth of July subcommittee to take on the Fourth of July responsibilities.
15. Tree Warden's Report - Tom updated the Board on the status of tree removal and the need to provide funding for the same in next year's budget. He also wanted to investigate new legislation concerning limited periods during the year when trees could be removed.
16. Continue 2016 highway and town budget discussions - Board Budget discussions continued with Mike and Cathy until approximately 9:30 AM, when members of the Planning Commission arrived and when Selectman Ted Siegler had to leave the meeting for a doctor's appointment.
17. Discuss Certificate of Public Good application filed December 18, 2015 by MountainFunds, LLC for a solar array facility in West Windsor- The Board discussed the solar array application with the members of the Planning Commission present and compared parts of the application which either didn't seem to give any credence to, or did not respond at all, to the suggestions, recommendations and comments that the Town and the Planning Commission had made to the Applicant in our letter of November 10, 2015. After discussion, both the members present of the Planning Commission and the Selectmen present authorized the Chair of the SelectBoard to contact an attorney with expertise in this area to seek advice concerning this matter and whether or not the Town and the Planning Commission should be represented by counsel before the Public Service Board.
18. Other Business - It was suggested that the Board meet with Mt. Ascutney Outdoors and its counsel on January 6 or 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss an agreement for managing the recreational and/or forest activities of the newly acquired Mountain property and expanded Town Forest.
19. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Beatty