

West Windsor Selectboard  
Draft Minutes  
July 27, 2016

Present: Dick Beatty, Tom Kenyon, Win Johnson, Chuck Schwer, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Dick Beatty called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
- 2) Changes or additions to the agenda – None
- 3) Announcements/Public Comment – None
- 4) Meet with Chuck Schwer re: contaminated soil on maintenance garage parcel – Win reviewed the events that have occurred so far and expressed his concern about the breakdown in communication among the various state agencies involved, the contractor and the town. Chuck agreed that there was a breakdown in communication and noted that the state has offered a 0% loan. Win said he wanted this meeting for two reasons: to request additional relief from the state, and to ask the state to be clearer in its communications with town officials, who generally don't know anything about soil science. Chuck said he reviewed the email correspondence provided by the town and agreed that some of it could have been clearer. Dick asked if the town could get help from the Petroleum Cleanup Fund (PCF) for the removal of the gas-contaminated soils. Chuck explained that the PCF has a \$10,000 deductible and the previous owners never submitted a claim or provided evidence that they did not have insurance coverage for the costs. Chuck asked about the cost of removing the gas-contaminated soil. Dick said it cost \$3,672.84, which is the amount the town would like the state to reimburse. Discussion then shifted to the diesel-contaminated soil. Dick said the state has given the town two options: ship it off-site or put it back in the hole. Dick said it's the town's understanding that the highway crew can do the work as long as they are supervised by someone with the appropriate credentials who can provide a final report, which will cost the town an additional \$1,400. Chuck said it could also be treated on site. Win said the town is looking for the lowest cost option. Chuck said it could be spread on the site after it's been treated and asked if the town would be opposed to having the pile sit there for a while. Chuck said whatever is done will have to be documented. Win asked if the state could help with the supervision and documentation. Chuck said they could do that. Chuck reviewed the options: the town can leave it in a pile for three years and the state can come back once a year to check on it; or the town can add some amendments to speed up the treatment process; or the town can put it back in the hole. Chuck said the state could provide supervision if the town wants to put it back in the hole. Win offered his manure pile as an amendment. Chuck said the state would not have to supervise the town in adding the manure to the pile; they could just do some PID testing next spring. Tom suggested putting the soil back in the hole in alternating layers of soil and manure. Chuck was fine with that option and offered to provide supervision. The Selectboard recessed for a site visit at 1:25 PM. At 1:40 PM, the Selectboard reconvened and signed the Town Clerk's orders.
- 5) Other Business – None
- 6) Adjourn – **Win moved to adjourn at 1:45 PM. Dick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison