

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes

May 17, 2012

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtke, Town Attorney Matt Birmingham, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.
- 2) Changes or Additions – other business
- 3) Executive Session – **Glenn moved to go into Executive Session with Town Counsel Matt Birmingham to discuss contract issues relating to the sewer and water. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** After discussion, **Glenn made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:55 AM with no action taken. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 4) Application for Public Assembly: Lucy MacKenzie Humane Society – **Glenn moved to approve the Lucy MacKenzie Humane Society’s application for a dog show. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 5) Application for Public Assembly: Vermont 100 – **Glenn moved to approve the application for the Vermont 100. Bruce seconded the motion.** Glenn said Constable Johnson is concerned about the traffic jam that occurs at the junction of Bryant Road and Silver Hill Road. Glenn said he called the event organizer, Julia Hutchinson, and asked her to address the issue. According to Glenn, Julia said the Sheriff’s Department will be there and there will also be roving patrols. Glenn said Julia also spoke with Dave and Tracey Dugdale. Glenn said apparently the main issue was with the Vermont 50, not the Vermont 100. Bruce asked about radio communications. Glenn said there is a radio network. **Glenn called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 6) Zoning fee waiver request – Glenn said the Brownsville General Store has asked the Selectboard to waive the fee associated with their conditional use application. Glenn asked Martha to explain the situation. Martha reviewed the store’s sign permit history and expressed her concern about the store’s ability to get a variance for additional signage. There was discussion about grandfathering, violations, and precedents. Martha said it is her opinion that each approved use is allowed at least 15 square feet of signage so if the additional proposed uses are approved, each would get its own sign allowance. Tom suggested that the proposed sign should be exempt under Section 1.7(7). Glenn said he thinks it’s important to clean this up so there won’t be a permit issue if the store ever changes hands. Bruce asked about the Selectboard’s authority to weigh in on this. Glenn said the Selectboard only has the authority to waive the fee. **Bruce moved to waive the fee. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 7) Other Business – Sheddsville marker: Tom said he got another letter from Ann Niles about the sign that was supposed to be installed in association with the Sheddsville marker. Tom was concerned that the \$250 grant for the sign is not enough. Tom was also concerned that any sign installed will get stolen. Tom did not have a solution to propose. Trees near Post Office: Tom noted that the trees near the Post Office were trimmed back after a near accident in the vicinity. Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): Tom said he volunteered to be Vice Chairman of TAC. Tom said TAC accepted his recommendation to raise and widen Route 44 west of Lucy MacKenzie, but noted that it will be a long time before the project is

done. Meeting participants: Tom suggested that the minutes reflect the organizations or committees that speakers are representing when they speak. Bruce said if it's not clear who the speaker is representing, the Selectboard should ask them.

- 8) Approve Minutes - April 6th: **Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2012 as written. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** April 9th: **Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2012 as written. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** April 23rd: **Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2012 as amended to reflect that Chris Callahan was present as Town Attorney for Windsor. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed with Bruce abstaining.** April 24th: **Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2012 as amended to reflect who Dan Purjes and Chris Dugan were representing. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** April 25th: **Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2012 as amended to reflect Trevor Starr's affiliation. Glenn seconded the motion, which passed with Bruce abstaining.** April 30th: **Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of April 30, 2012 as amended to reflect Bob Gray's affiliation and an adjournment of 9:00 AM. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed with Glenn abstaining.**
- 9) Adjourn – **Glenn moved to adjourn at 8:20 AM. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison