

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes
October 3, 2014

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtke, Martha Harrison

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- 2) Changes or Additions – Town Hall roof: Tom noted that 42 pieces of slate were replaced on the roof. Tom said he has asked the roofer for a proposal to remove the moss next year. Tax appeal: Glenn said the Selectboard received correspondence from the Town Attorney regarding the Gray tax appeal and should schedule an executive session to discuss it on Monday. Glenn noted receipt of an appraisal on the property. Liquor license application: **Glenn moved to approve the application from Katherine Frazier to transfer the second class liquor permit and tobacco permit for the Brownsville General Store. Tom seconded the motion.** Bruce asked if this can wait until Monday. Cathy said the Liquor Board likes to receive applications two months in advance and the property transfer is scheduled to take place at the end of this month. **Tom moved to amend the motion to make it subject to ratification as an agenda item at Monday’s meeting. Glenn accepted the amendment to the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 3) Announcements/public comment – None
- 4) Sign Town Clerk’s Order – **Tom moved to sign orders. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 5) Trees in the brook – Tom said the affected property owners have to contact Todd Menees.
- 6) 911 address signs – Martha said Mike suggested getting 600 posts. **Glenn moved to approve the purchase of 600 delineator posts at a cost of between \$8 and \$9 each. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Tom asked about installation. Bruce said if they’re going to be in the right-of-way, the highway department should install them.
- 7) Meet with Town Attorney concerning resort property acquisition and related matters – The Town Attorney was not present.
- 8) Discuss and consider signing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to trail easements and resort property acquisition – Glenn said the MOU went to the owner’s attorney yesterday but we have not heard back from him. Glenn said he did hear from the owner that he may want some minor changes.
- 9) Discuss and act on matters concerning resort property acquisition – Glenn said there were 90 people at the informational meeting on Wednesday. Glenn asked Tom and Bruce for their thoughts about sending another FAQ mailing. Tom and Bruce didn’t think there were any urgent questions that haven’t been answered. Bruce said he thought Kate Wanner did an excellent job reassuring people about the financial aspects. Glenn read a list of questions that the Selectboard might want to consider including in an FAQ. Bruce said he doesn’t think the Selectboard is in a position to discuss details regarding a possible co-op ski area. Tom agreed but noted that co-ops have worked in other places. Tom suggested writing a letter to the editor of the *Valley News*, in lieu of sending another FAQ. Martha suggested writing a press release and posting it on the website. The Selectboard liked that idea. Glenn said the concept of sequestering the property to make it tax exempt is complicated by the water system. Glenn said he is scheduled to discuss it with Paul Giuliani this afternoon.

Glenn said one idea is to enter into an agreement, as we did with the sewer system, whereby the town would oversee the water system until closing. Tom asked who would do the maintenance on the water system. Glenn said P2 Environmental has been maintaining it at a reasonable rate and he would suggest that they continue. Glenn said if there is a positive vote, MFW Associates would like the town to assume control of the water system immediately. Glenn said he is going to review how the waste water operation was structured during the interim period and use that to draft a water system agreement. Glenn said the Wastewater Committee would like to become a Utility Committee and oversee both the water and wastewater systems. Glenn said he would like to have a company like P2 Environmental manage both systems at the users' expense. Glenn said he discussed this with the Wastewater Committee at their last meeting and they seemed to be on board with it. All agreed that, ideally, one entity should oversee both systems and report to the Selectboard. Glenn said if Bruce and Tom are comfortable with assuming control of the water system for an interim period, he will continue to pursue the concept with Paul Giuliani. Glenn said his primary concern is to save the town tax money. Tom asked if an agreement will be ready to sign the day after the vote. Glenn said yes; it has to be. Glenn said he is hoping the language from the sewer agreement will work, with minor changes. Glenn said he provided the Town Attorney and TPL with draft language for trail easements that would be held in escrow and given to the town if MFW defaults. Glenn said he will forward it to Tom and Bruce today. Regarding the press release, Tom suggested waiting until the MOU is signed. Glenn and Bruce agreed.

- 10) Adjourn – **Glenn moved to adjourn at 9:37 AM. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison