

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Draft Minutes
September 29, 2014

Present: Glenn Seward, Tom Kenyon, Bruce Boedtker

- 1) Call to Order – Selectboard Chair Glenn Seward called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
- 2) Changes or Additions – Sheddsville Cemetery: Tom said the brush at the cemetery is going to be burned but he'd like to know the plans for seeding. Tom said John McNamara inquired about his corner stones. Trees: Tom said there are three trees that need to come down on Brownsville-Hartland Road while the road is closed. Tom said he got an estimate from Rice Tree for \$1,000. Glenn asked if the culvert replacement is still going to start on Wednesday. Tom said the town crew went and got the signs. Glenn said, since we haven't heard from Todd Menees, perhaps we should file an Emergency Protective Measure Report. Bruce agreed.
- 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 there are several large cherry trees in the brook adjacent to Sherry Barbour's property and also downstream of Best Bridge. Tom asked how Sherry would get permission to remove the trees. Glenn said she's going to have to contact the Vermont Rivers Management program, as is the property owner near Best Bridge. For the Act 250 application, Bruce said Todd's assistant suggested that he send photos of the area with a description of what the town would like to do.
- 6) 911 address signs – **Glenn moved to authorize Martha to order the signs from the correctional facility. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Tom asked about the color. Glenn said green and white. Bruce asked about installation. Glenn said he thinks installation is outlined in the policy.
- 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 related to trail easements and resort property acquisition – Glenn said the MOU is not ready to be signed.
- 9) Discuss and act on matters concerning resort property acquisition – Glenn said, in an effort to figure out how to handle the tax issue while the property is under option, and to finalize the trail easement portion of the agreement, the town contacted Paul Giuliani. According to Paul, Glenn said, there is a Vermont statute indicating that if the town leases the property with no restrictions, the property is tax exempt. Glenn said the attorneys involved are considering whether or not the lease, or the language used in the lease, would have any impact on the appraised value, which could impact the grant funding for the acquisition. Glenn said the goal is to get this wrapped up before the first informational meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Regarding the trail easement issue, Glenn said MFW is steadfast in its position that there will be no permanent trail easements until the proposed Mile Long Field development has been worked out. Glenn said while he understands MFW's concerns about committing to trail easements without knowing what the development is going to look like after it goes through the permit process, he is concerned about not having an easement on the "Home Again" trail which connects the area around the Cunningham

building to the rest of the trail system. Glenn said “Home Again” is in a “green belt” so he is investigating the public’s right to use green belt areas. The Selectboard talked about how to present the project at the informational meeting on Wednesday.

- 10) Continue meeting – **Glenn moved to continue this meeting until October 1st at 9:00 AM. Bruce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- 11) Adjourn – At 9:00 AM on October 1st, Vice Chair Tom Kenyon noted that a quorum of the Selectboard was not present to reconvene the meeting and therefore the meeting will be adjourned and a new meeting will be warned for Friday, October 3rd, at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Harrison