

GUILFORD SELECTBOARD MEETING

January 9, 2012

PRESENT: Richard Clark (Chair), Anne Rider, Katie Buckley (Town Administrator)

I. Call to order - 6:30 PM.

II. Recognition of Public

- None

III. Approval Minutes

- Anne moved to accept the minutes from December 26, 2011. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- Rescue, Inc. – Contract for FY13 – Anne moved to authorize the Board Chair sign the Rescue Inc. contract for 2012-2013. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Waterline – Update, Public Information Meeting, etc. – There will be another public information meeting on Wednesday (1/11/2012) at 7:00 PM at the Grange. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the waterline project and the Town’s request to bond for the two extension segments off the Main Route which are not funded (the Main Route is fully funded). These extensions will 1) bring water to the exterior wall of the GVFD’s station and 2) make water accessible for the Guilford Community Church (the Town’s Red Cross designated Emergency Shelter) as well as several residents on Bee Barn Rd. A letter from a Guilford resident was included in the weekend edition of the Reformer’s “Letter Box”; it was very accusatory, contained misinformation and inaccurate facts. It has created quite a stir. Katie has spoken with several people who have called the Town Office in reference to this letter to dispel the myths that are circulating around town and share the actual facts. All expect a crowd for the meeting and look forward to answering any questions which people may have. The bond vote WILL BE BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT on Town Meeting Day. There will be a formal HEARING, legally noticed about this item. There was a general discussion about how irresponsible it is for people to make personal attacks and throw accusations in a forum such as the Reformer rather than just asking individuals directly. Katie asked the board’s permission to draft a fact sheet for Wednesday night’s meeting to distribute to all who attend.
- FY12 Transportation Enhancement Grant Program – Green River Covered Bridge Restoration Project – The Town’s application for a 2012 TE Grant in the amount of \$258,000.00 (the Town also received a TE award in 2011 for \$154,600.00 for this project) was awarded. Anne moved to allow Katie to draft a letter of intent on behalf of the Town to accept the award and have the Board Chair sign it. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Green River Wall – Follow Up – Since the collapsed wall of the Green River Covered Bridge is on the GRVPT’s property, the Town cannot include it in its FEMA claim. The GRVPT must include it in their claim; they do not have the funds for their portion of the match (25%) for this project – if they cannot fund it, they will not do the work. Katie is working with FEMA and GRVPT to ensure that this work is done, as it directly effects the abutment for the GRCB. She asked the Board if they would consider using some of the budgeted money for “Retaining Walls” to offset the cost of the match, since it directly affects our infrastructure. Both Dick and Anne agreed that the work needs to be done and that since originally it was thought to be Town property, the Town should assist to ensure that it is done properly. The Board said they would consider the idea. No action taken.

- Guilford Free Library Entrance Work – Bid Review – Cathi Wilken sought bids from three local contractors for the repair of the Library’s entrance. She received only one response from Frehsee Carpentry in the amount of \$1,050.00. Anne moved to accept the bid from Frehsee Carpentry. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Town of Brattleboro – Letter – Guilford Water Allocation – The Town of Guilford will not have to pay for its water allocation up front to the Town of Brattleboro. They (Brattleboro) will hold the allocation and charge Guilford as people connect; the Town of Guilford will collect money from those who wish to connect and pass it along to Brattleboro – Guilford will not have to fund it up front.

V. New Business

- FY11 Audit Results – Draft – The professional audit went very smoothly with only thirteen (13) minor General Journal adjustments needing to be made to FY11. A more in depth discussion about the results will take place when Cynthia and John Mudgett are available to come to a meeting.
- Mike Hebert – Information Sharing – Tabled, Mike Hebert was not able to make the meeting.
- 2012 Certificate of Highway Mileage – The Certificate arrived and is due February 20, 2012. Dick indicated that the ancient roads project is not complete yet and no roads will be added – next year.

VI. Finance

- Warrants:

• PR	12/25/2011	\$	5,819.31
• PR	01/01/2012	\$	5,077.76
• PR	01/07/2012	\$	4,854.23
<u>Warrant # 13</u>		\$	<u>17,190.66</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	32,941.96

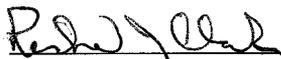
Anne moved to pay the above stated PR Warrants 12/25/2011, 01/01/2012 and 01/07/2012 and Warrant #13. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Communications

- Project Review Sheet – Pending Permit #WW-2-4080 – Susan James – Proposed SFR and detached apartment/shop (no commercial use described in application) on an existing 3.5 acre parcel
- Vermont Local Roads – NEWS – December, 2011
- VLCT News – January, 2012

Anne moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office.


Richard Clank

Troy Revis, Jr.


Anne Rider