

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**January 27, 2014**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dick Clark (Chair), Troy Revis, Jr., Anne Rider

**TOWN OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:** Katie Buckley (Town Administrator), Penny Marine (Town Clerk/Treasurer), Verandah Porche (Cemetery Commissioner), Dan Zumbroski (Highway Foreman/Road Commissioner)

**I. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM**

**II. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC**

- Drew Hazelton (Interim Chief of Operations), Ian Kiehle (BCTV)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Troy moved to approve the minutes from the 1/13/2014 Selectboard meeting as written. Anne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- Rescue, Inc. – Drew Hazelton, Interim Chief of Operations – Dick expressed the Board’s nervousness with regard to some of the headlines that have made the Reformer. Drew reported that Rescue Inc. is in a transition phase with regard to management structure and the changes in health care. There is a huge increase in the number of patients requiring inter-facility transfers; there have been changes in billing practices to help in recovering more money. Anne inquired about the changes in the management structure. Drew informed of the resignation of two long-time key positions – CFO (Linda Goss) and Chief of Operations (Mark Considine) – there has been no Executive Director since David Dunn. There is no plan right now to hire a new CFO. There is a Finance Committee comprised of some members of the Board of Trustees that now handles the finances. Dick asked how officers are promoted; Drew replied they are appointed by the Chief of Operations. Dick asked why the representatives we keep suggesting are not acceptable. Drew replied that the representative cannot be a paid member of Rescue. Troy asked how the loss of Putney’s revenue might affect the remaining towns’ assessment. Current financial forecasts for the fiscal year are favorable: 40% increase in the billable transfer. Anne asked Penny about the obligations and time commitments for being a Trustee of the Rescue board; it has been a heavy workload and time commitment. No action.
- Cemetery Proposal by Connie Silver – Verandah Porche – Anne expressed her excitement with the proposal; it would allow us to accomplish significant work in our cemeteries without a large financial burden. Verandah provided a brief introduction of Connie Silver and an overview of the proposal that involves gravestone conservation using non-toxic remedies. This could be the start of an important pilot project that would involve 3 strands: preservation, place-based education for high-school students and dissemination of the method. The Town could act as the fiscal agent for funding (grants) that Connie will author. At this point, the Town will not commit any money yet since there are too many unknowns. Anne moved that the Selectboard draft a letter of endorsement for the project to be included

with grant applications. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Anne amended the motion to include that the Board Chair sign the letter once it is drafted. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

- 2014 Town Meeting Warning – approval – Anne moved to accept the articles for 2014 Town Meeting as written. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 2014 Certificate of Highway Mileage – tabled.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**VI. DISCUSSION/UPDATES**

- None

**VII. HIGHWAY**

- General Update
  - Winter budget - 60% used in sand, 75% used for salt
  - Equipment is running well
  - Dan predicts a hard mud season
- Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit - None

**VIII. FINANCE**

- Budget Status Reports
- Separation of Funds from Capital Fund:
  - Bridges Fund
  - GRCB Fund
- Troy moved to create separate funds for “Bridges” and “GRCB” and remove them from the Capital Fund. Anne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Treatment of Highway Surplus Funds – keep in Capital or create separate fund? Anne moved to separate Highway surplus funds from the Capital to create its own fund. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Warrants:

○ PR 01/19/2014	\$ 6,127.23
○ PR 01/26/2014	\$ 7,147.23
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 13,274.46
○ Warrant #13	\$ 83,377.28
○ <u>Warrant #13DP</u>	<u>\$ 185.50</u>
○ TOTAL ALL.....	\$ 96,837.24

Troy moved to pay the Payroll and Expense warrants as presented above. Anne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

- WW-2-1956-R – Permit Issued – Louise Lenois – Subdivide property into 4 lots. Lot #1 has an existing 2-bedroom home and other three (3) lots will be under deferral at this time, located on 115 Oak Hill Road in Guilford.

- VLCT – 2014 Municipal Policy Priorities
- Franklin Land Trust – Letter – 1/22/2014 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Self-Guided Recreational Bike Ride, Saturday, August 23, 2014

Troy moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Anne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held Monday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Guilford Town Office.

  
Richard Clark, Chair

  
Troy Revis, Jr.

  
Anne Rider