

GUILFORD SELECTBOARD MEETING

February 13, 2012

PRESENT: Richard Clark (Chair), Troy Revis, Jr., Anne Rider, Katie Buckley (Town Administrator)

I. Call to order - 6:30 PM.

II. Recognition of Public

- Sara Coffey, London Lippke, Don McLean

III. Approval Minutes

- Anne moved to accept the minutes from January 23, 2012. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

IV. New Business

- NEA Grant Application – Sara Coffey and Don McLean – Sara Coffey has taken the initiative to explore a grant opportunity for the Our Town Program, offered through the National Endowment for the Arts; she provided printed information for the board as an overview. She would like the Town to be the lead applicant in collaboration with Vermont Performance Lab (VPL) and Friends of Music at Guilford (FOMAG). The purpose will be for planning/feasibility to examine our historic properties, identifying which one(s) can be improved so that they may permanently sustain cultural programs in our town. The application will be for \$50,000.00 with a 1:1 match. In-kind services from other sources will be used for the match; the Town will not need to provide any funds. If the Town receives the award, it will posture us (Town and supporting groups) to pursue other funding opportunities for the targeted structures. Since it is a federally funded program with the Town as the lead applicant, it makes sense for the Town to administer the grant; we are already set up to do this. If awarded, a memorandum of understanding will be drafted which outlines all parties' responsibilities: Town, VPL and FOMAG. Sara feels that it is a very good fit for the Town given the success of the 250th celebration events in bringing our community together. She has retained a grant writer to do the application on behalf of the Town. Anne moved to have the Town act as lead applicant for the NEA's Our Town Program application with the understanding that the Town will not be committing funds and will not be committing a huge amount of resources to undertake this project. Troy seconded. Motion carried.
- Community Visit Program (not on the agenda) – Anne inquired if there was anything to report in the aftermath of Paul Costello's presentation (1/23/2012) on the VCDR's Community Visits Program. Both Sara and Katie had called Paul to follow up. Sara said that Guilford's chances of being selected for this program are not lost. The next step is to assemble several people to commit to driving this process; they will need to present their desire to participate in the Program to the Selectboard who will then formally reach out to VCRD. Sara met with Mary Ellen Franklin; they are networking to pull a group together. They will educate the public on this process with an information table on Town Meeting Day. The Selectboard expressed that for this to move forward they want a ground-swell of community support for it, not just a handful of people.
- Neighborhood Watch Signage – London Lippke – In light of a rash of vandalism/burglaries on Broad Brook Road the idea of a community watch program was been raised. There have been preliminary talks with individuals from both Vernon and Guilford, as the road straddles both towns; nothing formal has resulted. London would like to post a Neighborhood Watch sign and would like the Board's approval to do so. There was a discussion about which agency (State

Police, Sheriff's Dept., Constable, etc.) should be listed on the bottom of the sign as the contact for reporting issues. Katie asked how many properties in total were on Broad Brook Road and of them how many are in Guilford; there are 31 in total, 7 of which are in Guilford. She inquired if an agreement might be made with the Vernon Police Department - they would be the agency to which reports for the Neighborhood Watch could be made; it would provide more continuity/consistency/accountability in the investigative process. Dick suggested that London wait to post signs until a formal meeting of the Neighborhood Watch program takes place; however he could inquire with the Vernon PD to see if they will entertain the idea. A general discussion took place about large trucks travelling on Broad Brook Road, the need for a new "No Outlet" sign and the speed limit.

- Town Meeting – planning – There was a brief discussion about the warning for Town meeting and who will speak to each article.

V. Highway

- Excess Weight Permit – Dave Chaves Excavating Inc. – Troy moved to approve the Excess Weight Permit for Dave Chaves Excavating with the usual restrictions. Anne seconded. Motion carried.
- Work on Class 4 Road – Dave Snyder - tabled

VI. Finance

- Warrants:

○ PR	01/29/2012	\$	5,727.33
○ PR	02/05/2012	\$	4,562.48
○ PR	02/12/2012	\$	4,467.92
<u>TOTAL PAYROLL</u>		\$	14,757.73
<u>Warrant #15</u>		\$	65,886.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	80,643.73

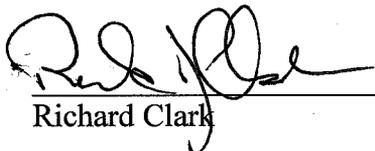
Troy moved to pay the above stated PR Warrants 01/29/2012, 02/05/2012 and 02/12/2012 and Warrant #15. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

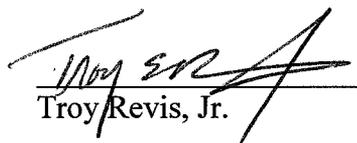
VII. Communications

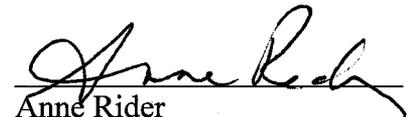
- WW-2-4122 Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit (issued) – Friends of Algiers Village – Parcel ID# 6-322.2 - Remove three (3) storage structures, construct two (2) apartment buildings, adjust boundary line and connect to municipal water supply services and municipal wastewater disposal services located on Guilford Center Road, Guilford, VT

Anne moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria at the Guilford Central School.


Richard Clark


Troy Revis, Jr.


Anne Rider