

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**August 12, 2013**

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

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

**II. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC**

- Ian Kiehle (BCTV), Mike Faher (Reformer)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Troy moved to approve the minutes as written for the 7/22/2013 Selectboard Meeting. Anne seconded. Motion carried.
- Green River Covered Bridge Restoration Project - Alternatives Meeting, 8/5/2013 – no action

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- Disposition of Property – Joe Borgatti – The Board of Abatement recently met to discuss the taxes owed on a property owned by Charles (?) Bannick who had passed away. Mr. Borgatti did not appear for the meeting.
- Guilford Historical Society – Old Town Hall
  - Lease for Property – need to re-write – The lease with the Historical Society for the Old Town Hall expired this month. Katie is working on an update.
  - Vestibule Roof Leak – report – The work is complete. The slate was removed and many were replaced. Dick mentioned that Travis Slade would supply a needs assessment report the entire roof with recommendations.
- Town Office Grounds – Rose Bushes – The rose bushes in front of the Town Office have gotten extremely overgrown; it was recommended by our grounds keeper that they be removed. A few members had asked around to determine if there was some sort of emotional connection to them; there is none that is known of. The idea of removing them and transplanting them elsewhere on the grounds was suggested. This could take place when the Highway Department removes the silver maple tree by the septic tank.
- 2013 Tax Rates – The Grand List was lodged on August 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion about Guilford's tax rate compared to some of the surrounding towns'. The general lack of industry in Guilford was cited as a key component that could help alleviate some of the tax burden on residents. While Town tax rates have increased, their overall amount is still small as compared to the amount paid in Education taxes on tax bills; it comprises 71% of the homestead rate. Anne moved to instate the 2013 Tax Rates as presented. Troy seconded. Motion carried.
- FY14 Sheriff's Department Contract – Troy moved to authorize the Board Chair to sign the FY14 contract with the Windham Country Sheriff's Department. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

**V. DISCUSSION/UPDATES**

- Health Care for Town Employees – Town employees and officials will meet with Tanya Chambers on Tuesday, 8/13 to discuss the upcoming changes in health care. The Town is a "small" employer and must make the decision to join Vermont Health Connect as a group and select a plan offering to employees or not join and have employees enter the exchange on

their own. Either way, employees will now be responsible for making and managing their own health care choices.

## VI. HIGHWAY

- Paving – Bid Review and Decision – Warners Bros. and Lane submitted bids. Whitcomb chose not to bid due to heavy work schedule. Paving will include School Road, all the way around the school circle and the Town Office parking lot, including paving the ramp to the Selectboard portion of the building, in addition to sections of the Guilford Center Road. It will consist of approximately 2 miles of paving in total. Dan presented the two bids and provided a detailed explanation comparing them. Dan expressed his preference for Lane because of their method for rebuilding the man-holes. Although the overall bid is \$9,000 higher, the cost per ton is less. Anne moved to accept Lane's bid for paving and thank Warner Bros. for their interest. Troy seconded. Motion carried.
- 2002 Tractor – Trade/Replacement – The tractor is at the age where there is still value in a trade or a private sale. Dan has looked into two models for a replacement: New Holland and John Deere; he has quotes for both. The New Holland is more expensive because it has a newer style motor. Anne moved to authorize Dan to negotiate and purchase whichever of the two tractors will be the lesser price. Troy seconded. Motion carried.
- General Update
  - Fall grading
  - Start setting culverts - 3 to start ,right off of Sweet Pond Road and some drainage work at the end of Stage Road.
  - The bridge railing will soon be repaired on the Weatherhead Hollow Bridge.
- Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit - None

## VII. FINANCE

- Warrants:

○ PR 07/28/2013	\$ 4,324.67
○ PR 08/04/2013	\$ 4,607.43
○ PR 08/11/2013	\$ 5,233.65
○ TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 14,165.75
○ Warrant #2	\$ 55,206.80
○ TOTAL	\$ 69,372.55

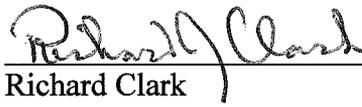
Troy moved to pay Payroll warrants for 7/28, 8/4 and 8/11 and Expense warrant #2 as stated above. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

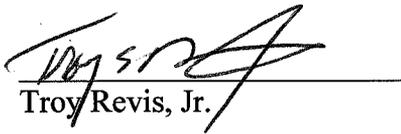
## VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

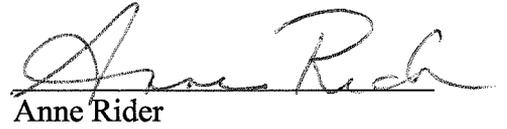
- WW-2-4488 – Permit Application – Rebecca & Daniel Blake – Parcel #346 – A proposed 4-bedroom house located at 2930 Tater Lane, Guilford
- WW-2-4465 – Permit Issued – VT Dept. of Forest Parks & Recreation – Parcel #343.1.2
- VLCT News – August, 2013
- Windham County Sheriff's Department STARS Report, July, 2013
- VLCT – Postcard – VT Public Records Act Workshop – 9/26/2013
- WRC - Reminder Memo – Municipal Planning Grants Application Deadline, 9/30/2013

Anne moved to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held Monday, August 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guilford Town Office.

  
Richard Clark

  
Troy Revis, Jr.

  
Anne Rider