

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

October 14, 2014

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

**TOWN OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:** Katie Buckley (Town Administrator), Cheryl Franklin (WSWMD Rep.), Dan Zumbruski (Road Foreman/Commissioner)

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC**

- Alex Bell, Gabby Ciuffreda, Steve Lembke, Ron Lenker

### **III. NEW ADDITIONS**

- Listers - 2014 Grand List Errors and Omissions – Anne moved to approve te

### **IV. CHANGES TO AGENDA ORDER**

### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- VCDP Public Hearing – 9/8/2014 – Anne moved to approve the minutes as written. Troy was not present for that meeting. Motion carried.
- Selectboard Meeting –9/22/2014 – Troy moved to approve the minutes as written. Anne was not present for the meeting. Motion carried.
- GRCB Alternatives Presentation 10/6/2014 – Anne moved to approved the minutes as written. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- Steve Lembke asked if the Town was compliant with the new ERAF standards; to be eligible to receive 12.5% funding towns must have adopted four specific mitigation measures. One of these measures is the adoption of a FEMA-approved local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Steve asked if Guilford has submitted this yet. Dick indicated that it has been submitted but no other board members seemed to be aware of it; it has not been on any prior agenda for adoption. It was agreed that this requires follow up and Steve and pressed to get an answer and requested that it be in writing. This will be added as an item to the next agenda.

### **VII. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- WSWMD - Cheryl Franklin
  - Act 148 – there are many issues and areas of concern.
  - Brattleboro’s Interim Town Manager has questioned the fairness of the costs derived for assessments. Cheryl and Katie have met with Patrick to discuss this further. Since recycling will be duplicate effort as a result of Act 148, it seems like a big expense to have as a courtesy. No other counties in VT have 24/7 bins. The WSWMD BOS voted to have the recycling containers remain beyond the July 1, 2015 date of implementation for an additional 6 months. There is a ongoing discussion about offering the containers as a fee for services contract with towns after the 6 month extension.
  - All of the haulers are looking to go single stream although the District is still dual stream.

- Dick asked what the negatives are if the Town opts out of the District. Cheryl explained that there administrative ramifications of this.
- Cheryl asked for the Selectboard's support in moving ahead with issues that involve partnering with Brattleboro. Anne moved to support Cheryl, Troy and Katie to meet with other towns to gather more information. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Green River -
  - General update – The GRCB reopened on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. There is still some light work and cleanup to do.
  - Steve Lembke asked that a communication checklist be created of things to do for the next closing time. Gabby asked if there is a set of standard operating procedures to help guide the Town's actions for projects like this; there is not. This is something that will be important to craft as we move ahead. Katie suggested that perhaps there is a model procedure for transportation projects that the State uses that the Town might get a copy of.
  - Alternatives Presentation (10/6) - Anne suggested the SB state what we know and what do we still need to know to help structure how to move forward.
    - Alternatives C, D and E are off the table
    - Alternatives A, B and F – it seems that B is not a realistic option Dick thought that Option A was not realistic because of the 10-14% grade. Alex expressed that Option A could be altered/fine tuned to eliminate some of the excessive grade and it will remain feasible. He also asked if there would be funding available to for this. Gabby expressed that putting together a chart might help in the process.
    - The temporary bridge is officially off the table – it too is not feasible.
    - It would be good for a small group to take a walk of Option A but gain landowner permission first.
    - Gabby suggested creating a schedule/timeline so that members of the public could be involved in the process. Anne explained that this will built into the Open Meeting law process through postings, website and minutes.
    - Anne asked about process – how to move forward from here? She expressed that she does not want to rush this process; it a big decision, the details of which must be unpacked before it is arrived upon.
    - Steve told the board that a small group of residents took a field trip to visit the covered bridge in Bath, NH and Thetford, VT to learn more about their projects. The more information that can be gathered, the better the case can be made to support the selected option.
  - Load Rating & Exceptions - Anne moved to authorize that in the event of an emergency that Guilford Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, Inc. have the Town's authorization to use the GRCB in excess of the posted load capacity per 23 V.S.A., Section 1399, which exempts fire departments from weight restrictions. Troy seconded. Dick voted no. Two in favor, one against. Motion carried. Steve reminded that Sean James (Hoyle, Tanner & Associates) stated during the Alternatives Presentation that the posted limit is for regular travel on a daily basis; fire trucks crossing are an exception to this because they cross so infrequently. Katie asked the residents of Green River who were present how often there has been a fire related emergency requiring larger apparatuses in their memories? Nobody could recall an event in the last five years or more other than a sugarhouse.

## VIII. DISCUSSION/UPDATES

- None

## IX. HIGHWAY

- General Update
  - Blowing leaves, scraping roads, setting culverts
- Electronic Sign Purchase – Dan received information about a used electronic message board sign for \$9,700 (new it is \$17,000). The sign has 12” letters on it. They are very expensive to rent. It would be helpful to have/use to notify resident of closures, events, etc. Dan thinks it would be a good investment. Ron Lenker inquired about the electronic signs that are used by GVFD; there was some discus Alex asked if the Town should shop around. Troy moved to authorize Danny to purchase the electronic sign as presented. Anne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit – Goodnow Trucking – Troy moved to authorize the Excess Weight Permit as presented. Anne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## X. FINANCE

- Warrants:

○ PR 9/28/2014	\$ 13,469.83
○ PR 10/5/2014	\$ 5,086.37
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 18,556.20
○ Warrant #6	\$ 185,380.12
○ Warrant #6 DP	\$ 90.00
○ TOTAL ALL	\$ 204,026.32

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

## XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- VLCT – Workshop Announcement – Fall SB Institute
- SVEDS Invitation to Annual Meeting
- Letter – WRC, 10/1/2014 – Adoption of Windham Regional Plan Update
- Email – Marty Ramsburg, 10/1/2014 – Green River Bridge Project

Anne moved to adjourn at 10:02 AM. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held ***Monday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m.*** Location to be determined.

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Richard Clark, Chair

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Troy Revis, Jr.

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Anne Rider