

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

October 22, 2012

### **I. CALL TO ORDER 6:35 PM**

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

- Betty Frye (WSWMD Guilford Director), Bob Spencer (WSWMD), Chris Parrow (Putney Road Redepmtion), Mike Herbert (House of Representatives), Tim Franklin (Franklin & Sons Rubbish, Vernon), Reed Cutting (Reed & Sons Rubbish, Guilford), Stillman Squires (Guilford), Ian Kiehl (BCTV)

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Troy moved to approve the minutes from October 8, 2012. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- WSWMD – Betty Frye, Bob Spencer – Betty Frye provided an update on the most recent work of the WSWMD involving Act 148. The State of Vermont acknowledges that there are two state landfills, one is due to close shortly, leaving only one remaining; solid waste is big issue. Recycling goals have not been met which compounds the solid waster problem. Legislation (Act 148) is being passed which mandates recycling. Private haulers will be tasked with picking up recycling for free. This is an unfunded mandate. Mike Hebert has been very involved in the crafting of the bill, specifically the inclusion of an evaluation process for its progress and the revision of the legislation if it is: not working, too cumbersome, unfair, etc., it also includes exemptions. Mike Hebert has huge concerns for the private haulers and the impact this mandate will have on their operations; the effects could be crippling to their businesses. There was a lengthy discussion about various aspects of Act 148. It was mentioned that there are talks that the bottle bill could be repealed. Mike suggested that this would be a big mistake since it is the single best method for recycling (about 85%); he would like to see it expanded. Chris Parrow spoke about his redemption business. There was a lengthy discussion about the effects this Act will have on the small private haulers and overall.
- Flood Zone – Stillman Squires and Dan Ingold – (Dan Ingold was not present.) – Mr. Squires informed the Board that his daughter who lives next door to him has been notified by her bank that she is located in the FEMA Flood Zone, according the NFIP maps; it will cost her an extra \$600 for flood insurance. Mr. Squires explained that she is not in the flood zone and she needs to be removed and asked the Town to do this for her. There was a lengthy discussion about this matter. Katie explained that Mr. Squires' daughter needs to get a LOMA (Letter of Map Amendment) from FEMA; it is the property owner's responsibility to do this work, not the Town's. All the Town can do is write a letter but has no authority or expertise in making this determination. Dick will ask Dan Ingold, Fence Viewer, and/or Frank Rafferty, Lister, to author a letter to assist Mr. Squires. Dick and Dan Z. took GPS measurements on the site; it was 646' at the brook and 698' at the doorstep.
- Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SVEDS) – There was a brief discussion about the request of SVEDS for \$3/capita for FY14 and what services the group might provide for Guilford. Katie suggested that a representative from the group be invited to a future meeting to share more information with the Board. The item was tabled.
- Rescue, Inc. - Contract for the Provision of Emergency Medical Services – There is an increase of approximately 2% for FY14 over FY13. Katie suggested that this item be recognized as a contractual obligation and moved into the Town's operating budget instead of it being an appropriation in the Human Services line. Anne moved to accept this change and authorize the

Board Chair to sign the FY14 contract for services with Rescue, Inc. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

- Green Up Day – May 4, 2012 – Coordinator? – Anne moved to beg Elly Majonen to continue her excellent work as the Green Up Day Coordinator for another year. Troy seconded. Motion carried.
- Emergency Access Gate Agreement – VTrans and Town of Guilford – Anne moved to have the Board Chair sign the Agreement that outlines the authority and usage of the access gate to I-91 located off of US Route 5 in Guilford. Troy seconded. Motion carried.
- (Troy had an emergency and departed the meeting at 7:10 p.m.)

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- GRCB LPM Agreement – Katie had worked with Matt Mann, Senior Transportation Planner, WRC, to craft an agreement for the Local Project Management for the Green River Covered Bridge Restoration project; they will divide the duties to maximize the services to the Town. Anne moved to authorize the board Chair to sign the Agreement. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **VI. DISCUSSION/UPDATES**

- Southern Vermont Rivers Conference – Dick and Katie provided a brief summary of the topics presented at the conference. It was very interesting, informative and helpful, especially the part on geo-synthetics use in roadways.
- Fire Station – Maintenance – Dick was approached by one of the Trustees that the fire station needs to be painted (it is 7 years old). They have received bids ranging from \$12,000-\$18,000 and wondered if it should be included in their FY14 budget or the Town's. Dick suggested a two-year capital campaign to try to fund it. He also suggested that the Town purchase the paint rather than a contractor, to avoid a mark-up. This matter will be addressed when GVFD brings their FY14 budget to the SB for discussion.
- Ancient Roads - Conservation Commission - Dick informed the Board that the Conservation Commission really needs a piece of software to assist them with their work on the Ancient Roads project. There was discussion about where it should come out of the Town's budget – can the CC charge it to their \$1,000 annual budget. Katie inquired whether it would be used by just the CC or by other areas of the Town. Anne suggested that perhaps it should be charged to Highway. Katie thought that it was an expense for the CC exclusively. (Dan Ingold arrived during the discussion). Dick asked Dan for his opinion on the software's use; he concurred with Katie. Katie wondered if there are other resources that could be used to do this work. Dick felt that it had to be purchased now.
- Road Dispute Resolution– Dan Ingold – There is a land locked piece, approximately 4,000 feet off River Road that is being logged. Tyler Excavating upgraded what used to be a road (since legally discontinued) to access the wood lot but the road it is on the Lembke's and the Pyskacek's land; they were not contacted. Dan had authored a letter stating that this matter is a private one between the landowners and does not involve the Town.
- Website – Dick mentioned that the Conservation Commission is doing their own work for the website. He thought that Prov might have a blog set up for the next meeting.

## **VII. HIGHWAY**

- Security - Surveillance Camera – A fair amount of steel guard-rail posts were stolen from the old Town garage, estimated value of \$1,200.00. It was reported to the Windham County Sheriff's Department for investigation. A quote for a surveillance system was sought; the cost is \$3,269.00. It is the same vendor and equipment that is used by the school so Troy has

familiarity with it. It can easily be absorbed into the Highway budget. Anne moved to authorize Dan to purchase a surveillance system for the new and old Town Garages, as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Excess Weight Permits – C.A. Joslyn, Inc., Paul LaCroix, Jr. – Anne moved to approve the Excess Weight Permits as stated. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- General Update
  - Leaf blowing continues.
  - Grading roads continues.
  - FEMA – all mitigation work with the exception of graveling. We will not be paid by FEMA for this until all of the invoices and work has been fully completed.

## VIII. FINANCE

- Warrants:

○ PR 10/07/2012	\$ 7,895.15
○ PR 10/14/2012	\$ 4,341.29
○ PR 10/21/2012	\$ 4,314.93
○ TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 16,551.37
○ Warrant #7	\$ 781,932.83
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 798,484.20

Anne moved to pay Payroll warrants from 10/07, 10/14 and 10/21/2012 and Warrant #7 as stated above. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- Northern VT Resource Conservation and Development Council – Better Backroads Program – letter – issues with annual funding and program delay
- Application Submitted – WW-2-4320 – Parcel 630 – Replacement of failed dry well with pressurized infiltration system mounded leach system serving a 4-bedroom house and a one bedroom apartment.
- Application Approved – WW-2-4317 – Parcel 6403 – Subdivide two parcels of property from lot #403 and annex to lot #401. A replacement water and wastewater system has been shown on the plans for #403 located on 769 Guilford Center Road
- Act 250 Permit Application – Guilford Center Properties, LLC

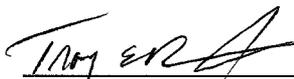
## X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel Matter – Anne moved to enter executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. She invited Penny and Katie to join.
- Executive session closed at 8:06 p.m.
- Anne moved to adjust the bookkeeper's pay to a rate of \$18.00/hour

Anne moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held Monday, November 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guilford Town Office.

  
Richard Clark

  
Troy Revis, Jr.

  
Anne Rider