

SELECTBOARD MEETING

November 12, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM

II. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Steve Cutting (GVFD), Fred Humphrey (GVFD), Ian Kiehle (BCTV), Neil Quinn (GVFD), Laura Sibilila (SeVEDS/BDCC)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Anne moved to approve the minutes from October 22, 2012. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Guilford Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) – FY14 Budget, Painting – Neil Quinn (Treasurer) presented the draft of the FY14 budget for GVFD and explained how it came to be. There was a brief discussion about the needs for firefighter protective equipment (specifically Air Packs) and the high cost of adding new and replacing outdated items; they are waiting to hear on a substantial grant application for this. Neil addressed the need to have the station painted. It has been 7 years and the paint is worn and chipping. There is a local painter (John Cheslawski) who will work with the department – we would supply the paint and he would bill his labor charges to spread over two fiscal years; it was an oral statement and no formal quote has not been obtained. Dick asked if this job is a “want” or a “need.” Neil explained that it should be done; as maintenance is deferred the cost grows significantly. Anne asked about if volunteers could also be used to complete the job. Neil thought this would definitely be so. There was general question about if there could be a change in color. Steve said that it will be more expensive to change the color. Troy asked about the type of paint and its life. Steve asked if the Town might purchase the paint to get a better price. The estimates for the job range from \$12,000-\$18,000 (includes labor and product). For the FY14 budget includes \$6,000 for painting. There was a brief discussion about the idea of creating a capital fund. There was additional discussion about the color of the fire station.
- Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) - Laura Sibilila (Economic Development Project Manager) – Laura provided background on the history of SeVEDS. It started in 2007 as a small group of people from across the region looking to improve broadband and cell service. After many meetings it became clear that the region’s problem wasn’t lack of broadband, it was lack of economic development. SeVEDS exists to reverse the Windham Regions economic decline (visit their wesite: <http://seveds.com> for more details and information on their initiatives). Laura explained that she will visit with Selectboards from 27 towns throughout southeastern VT to share how SeVEDS can help all towns and ask for local appropriations to raise a \$50,000 match; they want to have investment at the local level. This money will fund their project to create a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (formal planning document). Dick asked what the organization will do to help farmers. Laura explained that farmers will be included in their analysis of various sectors of the economy to see how they will fit. There was a brief discussion about the role of agricultural in our area with respect to economic development. The appropriation amount was addressed and whether it would become an annual appeal or a one-time ask. She felt that it would remain the same for next year or so but felt it would decline after that as the private sector grows and offsets the costs. Anne suggested that this request should be put on the Warning without petition (the SB has the

discretion to do this). The request is an amount of money that will engender a good discussion.

- Wastewater Collection System Usage Agreement – This is the agreement that was reached between Commonwealth Yogurt (CY) and the Algiers Fire District #1 (AFD) for CY's usage of AFD's system to transport its waste to Brattleboro's treatment facility. Anne mentioned how much hard work had gone into getting the agreement to this point and was happy that it has been finalized at last. The Town of Guilford is a party to the agreement since it has an interest in it, as the system runs through the Town of Guilford. Anne moved to authorize the board Chair to sign the agreement. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- VTrans – Guilford BRO 1442(36) – Re-sign – This agreement was already signed at a previous SB meeting however the original could not be located in VTrans financial office. Anne moved to authorize the board Chair to re-sign the agreement. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- NRCS – EWP – Kidder Project – The Kidder project is complete and closed. Katie will bill Mr. Kidder for his portion (10%) of the project costs. Anne mentioned that if projects like this surface again that the Town should not sponsor them unless there is some sort of administrative compensation for doing so; too much time and effort was spent without financial support.

VI. DISCUSSION/UPDATES

- Katie met with a representative from VTrans and Matt Mann (Windham Regional Commission) about traffic calming alternatives (crosswalks and sidewalks) for the areas around the intersection at US Route 5 & Guilford Center Road. More exploration will take place around this issue.
- Humane Society Animal Taskforce Workshop – Dick – Dick and Walter had attended a workshop on November 10th presented by the Vermont Humane Society. A majority of it dealt with animal hoarders, rabies and animal abuse. This program relates to the roles of the Health Officer and the Dog Officer. Dick felt that there was a lot of good material presented and overall it was a valuable experience.

VII. HIGHWAY

- General Update – Grading continues. Allen's truck (2006 International) is having its springs replaced. The Highway Department is prepped and ready for snow season!

VIII. FINANCE

- Surveillance Camera – Adjusting budget numbers for expense – Katie asked the board if she could work with Dan to see if there was another account that he thought might be underspent for FY13. If the surveillance camera purchase were charged to Building Maintenance, it would be significantly overspent. She would like to perform a line item shift to account for this.
- Changes in Chart of Accounts – Katie explained that she had made some changes in the Chart of Accounts. As previously discussed, she moved Rescue, Inc., from the "Human Services" category to include it more appropriately in "Selectmen," as it is a contractual expense. She also moved the history with it. She also created an "Emergency Response" account (003-3000-25.00) under the "Selectmen" category and funded it with \$1,000 taken from "Technical Support," as she felt this item would be underspent for FY13 and able to accommodate the change. This account was created for expenses incurred during non-VY related events, such as Superstorm Sandy.

- Warrants:
 - PR 10/28/2012 \$ 5,714.52
 - PR 11/04/2012 \$ 5,553.26
 - PR 11/11/2012 \$ 5,449.39
 - TOTAL PAYROLL \$ 16,717.17
 - Warrant #8 \$ 2,987,932.95
 - TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 3,004,650.12

Troy moved to approved payroll warrants from 10/28, 11/04 and 11/11 and Warrant #8 as stated above. Anne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

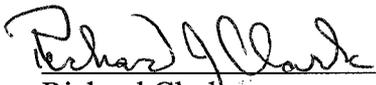
IX. COMMUNICATIONS

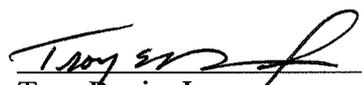
- VT Historical Society – League of Local Historical Societies – Award for Excellence in Educational Outreach presented to the Guilford 250th Celebration
- WW Permit Approved – WW-2-4328 – Sylvia Seitz – Parcel #029 – Replacement of a wastewater system serving an existing three-bedroom SFR located at 143 Sugarhouse Hill Road
- WW Permit Approved – WW-2-4320 – White Estate Trust – Parcel #630 – Replacement of a failed wastewater system serving an existing four-bedroom house and one-bedroom apartment located at 855 Stony Hill Road
- ANR – Project Review Sheet – Davis & Guarino Lot Subdivision - 988 Guilford Center Road – Divide lot into Lot 392 (9.7 acres) with two existing residences and Lot 392.2 (1.2 acres) with an existing duplex
- Corum, Mabie, Cook, Prodan, Angell & Secrest, PLC – Letter – Estate of Emiel Imerson, Estate of Robert Banek, Sr. – Abandoned property (vehicle and mobile home) and delinquent taxes owed
- Letter, October 24, 2012 – Bob & Susan Arnold – Letter of appreciation to the Guilford Road Crew for their exemplary work in restoring River Road and Green River Road post Irene.
- Letter, October 24, 2012 – Bob & Susan Arnold – Reaction to BCTV’s broadcast of the 9/24/2012 Guilford Selectboard Meeting

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Anne moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Troy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guilford Town Office.


Richard Clark


Troy Revis, Jr.


Anne Rider