

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

December 26, 2012

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

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

- Ian Kiehle (BCTV)

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

- Anne moved to approve the minutes from December 10, 2012 as written. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- Warning Article for 2013 Town Meeting – Don McLean – Don sent an email to the Selectboard (dated December 20<sup>th</sup>) suggesting that Guilford add the following special article to the Town Meeting warning for discussion and vote on March 5<sup>th</sup>: “Shall the Town vote to increase the number of Justices of the Peace from nine to ten, as enabled by Vermont Statute, effective in the next General Election.” Anne moved to place an article on the Town Meeting warning. Troy seconded. Motion carried.
- Town Report – Selectboard Article – Dick and Troy will craft a list of points from which Anne and Katie will draft the narrative for the Town Report.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES/FOLLOW UP**

- Letter – Doug Dempster – Library Donation – Katie drafted a letter to send to Mr. Dempster. This item was moved & approved during the 12/10 meeting. Dick will sign the letter and it will be mailed.
- Waterline – Punchlist Items – There was a discussion of the outstanding items on the punchlist for the waterline, specifically the area around the northernmost hydrant by the meter pit. Katie will follow up with Brud Sanderson (Stevens & Associates). There is still a question about the height of the next hydrant south of the meter pit; many feel it is too low. Katie is working on getting an answer to whether or not individual residential connections will need a permit from the State. There will be a public information meeting for connecting to the waterline on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM at GVFD.
- Green River Covered Bridge Project – The project is being kick-started after a year of stall following tropical storm Irene. Katie has been working with the engineering firm contracted through the first Transportation Enhancement grant to move ahead. It will take a while to get the design, review & approvals, and permitting done; construction will take place in the spring/summer of 2014. Dick inquired about the collapsed mill wall on the NE side of the bridge (damaged in Irene) to see if it fell under the Town’s claim; it did not as it is not on Town property. Katie asked the board if she could explore the idea of the Town acquiring the property that contains the wing-walls and possible supporting elements for the covered bridge. She feels that if the Town has ownership of it, damage incurred during all future events will be easily covered. Anne moved to authorize Katie to explore the idea of the Town acquiring the property adjacent to/part of the wing-walls for the Green River Covered Bridge. Troy seconded. Motion carried.
- FY14 Budget – There was a brief discussion about planning for the FY14 budget. Katie suggested that the annual capital program request not be a special article but rather included as a part of our regular operating budget presentation; the same for the Green River Covered Bridge Project. Voters have already approved these in prior Town Meetings so they are now

committed to and must be funded, only when the amount is increased should there be a special article for the difference. There was an exchange about which items should be special articles and which shouldn't. There will be a work session on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. Anne will be in AZ & HI until January 19<sup>th</sup> but will be available by phone to finalize the budget.

## VI. HIGHWAY

- General Update
  - Sand was hauled, wings are on the trucks; we are ready for the storm!

## VII. FINANCE

- Warrants:

○ PR 12/16/2012	\$ 11,262.93
○ <u>PR 12/23/2012</u>	<u>\$ 7,972.94</u>
○ <u>TOTAL PAYROLL</u>	<u>\$ 19,235.87</u>
○ <u>Warrant #11</u>	<u>\$ 13,096.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 32,332.37

Troy moved to approve payroll warrants from 12/16 and 12/23/2012 and expense warrant #11 as stated above. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

## VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

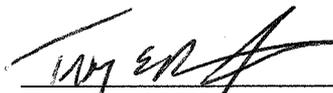
- Guilford Gazette – Letter – Request for January 24<sup>th</sup> Submission – Katie suggested an article that would raise people's awareness about public office. Anne also suggested a blurb introducing Peter in his role in the Town Office. Katie will work on an article.
- Haluch Water Contracting, Inc. – Letter – 12/24/2012 – Waterline – Hydrant Area
- WSWMD – Letter to ANR – 12/21/2012 – Comments on Draft Materials Management Plan
- WSWMD – Letter – 12/15/2012 – FY14 Proposed Budget and Town Assessment

## IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

Troy moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Anne seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held Monday, January 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guilford Town Office.

  
Richard Clark

  
Troy Revis, Jr.

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Anne Rider