

SELECTBOARD MEETING
September 22, 2014

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

TOWN OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT: Katie Buckley (Town Administrator)

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM

II. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Alex Bell, Gabby Ciuffreda, Steve Lembke, Shaun Murphy,

III. NEW ADDITIONS

- None

IV. CHANGES TO AGENDA ORDER

- None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- VCDP Public Hearing – 9/8/2014 – Tabled
- Selectboard Meeting – 9/8/2014 – Troy moved to accept the minutes from the Selectboard Meeting held 9/8/2014. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- None

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

- Green River - general update
 - Update on wing wall. Bridge will be sitting independently by next week.
 - Dick expressed that Leyden doesn't have much of a fire department. Katie asked if she should call Leyden, Colrain and Halifax to see what the number of volunteers in each department. Dick said she could if she wanted to.
 - Shaun asked if the GRCB were returned to 8-tons which GVFD fire trucks could fit through it. Dick's guess was that the only truck they would send through it would be the brush truck and the utility truck. Shaun asked if it has been this way for many years, given it has been 8-tons. Dick explained that now that we know it is loaded for less we should now follow the posting. Shaun asked if the opening of the GRCB would accept any of the fire trucks. YES, all of GVFD's trucks can fit through for height and width. Dick said that we may need to do away with the curved opening and square it up. Alex Bell pointed out that the curved opening acts as a protection for the bracing within; it is merely cosmetic and easily fixed where as repairing the knee braces just inside of the bridge is a bigger issue.
 - Shaun mentioned the "Commons" article on Bartonsville bridge. The total cost to rebuild it was \$2.6 million. The Town had \$1.0 million in insurance coverage.
 - Steve Lembke – Looking ahead to future GRCB closings – He suggested that the Selectboard form a group that meets regularly to address this topic. Dick indicated that he attended the Emergency Preparedness Conference last week; he asked for a

member of their organization to facilitate a discussion (“this is what we didn’t do, this is what we should have done”) about everything that has gone on since the end of May. Katie asked if there was a contact person for this. Dick said there is not.

- Gabby Ciuffreda asked if there was a timeline after the Feasibility Study results presentation on the 6th for which the Selectboard will make a decision? Dick indicated that no work would be done this winter. He then speculated about which options might be at the topic of the list in the results of the study; he thought the northern most options (Option A and B) wouldn’t be feasible. Gabby again asked if there is a timeline for selecting which option the Selectboard would choose. Dick indicated that a decision would most likely go to Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting. Gabby indicated that the board had said that going to Town Meeting was just to ask for funds not for which option to choose; she recalled that there was talk of a grant deadline that was looming to apply for funding assistance. Katie explained that if the obvious feasible option was a major rehab of the GRCB then the Town would have to seek more funding to do this; she would write another application for Transportation Alternative Program funds which is due October 15th – the timing of all this is crucial. There was a brief discussion about timing of this process and how long it might take to get to construction. Gabby also asked where the money came from to fund the abutment work. Katie explained that there were FEMA reimbursement funds as well as Highway surplus money that covered it.
- A decision will most likely be made regarding alternatives from the Feasibility Study during the Selectboard meeting on the 14th. “There’s no reason to delay it any longer.” (Dick)

VIII. DISCUSSION/UPDATES

- None -

IX. HIGHWAY

- General Update
 - Hale Road Bridge reopened last week
 - Grading continues
- Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit – none

X. FINANCE

- Warrants:

○ PR 9/14/2014	\$ 4,999.01
○ PR 9/21/2014	\$ 7,698.10
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 12,697.11
○ <u>Warrant #5</u>	<u>\$108,322.00</u>
○ TOTAL ALL	\$121,019.11

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

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- Windham County Sheriff’s Department – August S.T.A.R.S. report
- WW-2-4750 – Permit Approved/Issued – Parcel ID #621 – Von Wodtke/Zarin – Replacement of failed WW system located 772 Sweet Pond Road

- WW-2-4756 – Permit Application – Parcel ID #609.4 – Sweet Pond Village LLC – Construct three (3) new one-bedroom cottages on existing lot. Cottages will share a well and water/wastewater systems. The cottages will have composting toilets therefore a 25% reduction in wastewater design flow has been requested.
- VT Trails & Greenways – 2015 membership letter
- VLCT – Workshop Announcement – Planning & Zoning Forum – 10/29/2014

Troy moved to adjourn at 6:52 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held *Monday, October 14th at 8:30 a.m.* Location will be the Guilford Town Office.

Richard Clark, Chair

Troy Revis, Jr.