

MINUTES
GUILFORD SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.
GUILFORD TOWN OFFICE

I. Public Hearing on 2015-2020 Town Plan

Anne Rider called the Public Hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. Planning Commission members: Michelle Frehsee, Hal Kuhns, Chuck Clark, Jackie Gaines, and Harry Evans were the only members of the public present. Anne noted on behalf of the board that there was general consensus that everything was in order except the one point on Town Governance, which we understand that the Planning Commission has removed from the draft. The one other concern raised related to the use of “shall” vs. “will” and those concerns are not sufficient to require language change.

Gabby noted that the Energy section would require more studying to be optimal for Town purposes and the Planning Commission is committed to undertaking this action.

Next steps are to finalize the draft and meet other deadline obligations. It was agreed that the Plan will not be printed and bound until the energy section is done and adopted, but will be put on line until then to avoid excessive printing charges.

Gabby moved to adjourn the public hearing at 6:09 pm; Troy seconded. The vote was unanimous.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Town Officials and Staff Present:

Anne Rider (Chair), Sheila Morse, Gabrielle Ciuffreda, Troy Revis, Jr. – Selectboard. Absent: Dick Clark

Others Present:

Hal Kuhns, Chuck Clark, Jackie Gaines, and Harry Evans; Em Richards (BCTV); Shaun Murphy; Keith Clark, Sheriff; Mike Faher; Dan Ingold; Peter Thurell; and Ralph Meima.

III. NEW ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Purchase of Canon copier; weight permit

IV. CHANGES TO AGENDA ORDER

None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheila made a motion to approve minutes of June 8, 2015 meeting as drafted. Troy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Troy made motions to approve minutes from October 29, 2014 meeting and a special meeting on November 3, 2014. Anne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Guilford Free Library Improvement Project - Bid Opening: Anne noted that we received one bid following a RFP to four potential bidders, which she opened. It is from Mathes Hulme Builders, LLC; their estimate was \$19,207; no timeline included. The bid amount exceeds the amount budgeted, (\$15,000). Becky posted in several places but this did not result in more than one proposal. Anne suggested that we explore a few options for addressing the price difference: the SB should meet with the Library trustees to see if they have some money budgeted that could be tapped and/or we could see if Mathes Hulme Builders could modify their proposal. Troy moved that we accept the proposal

with the caveat that we discuss the excess amount with the Library Trustees; Gabby seconded; the motion was passed unanimously.

- Town Plan: Sheila moved that we adopt the 2015-2020 Town Plan as amended by the Selectboard at the 6/8/15 meeting; Troy seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Anne took the opportunity to commend the PC for the hard work that resulted in an excellent plan, saying that she wished she could say that their work was done but we already know that the Energy section will need to be revised and presented to the public at hearings.
- Windham County Sheriff Services - Keith Clark, Sheriff: He appreciates the opportunity to appear before the Selectboard and to have met with Planning Commission members. Keith stated that he is in his 3rd term, with 10.5 years to retirement, and hoping to continue to run the agency as best he can, including in a fiscally sound manner. As he looked at numbers this year, he learned that they have realized unanticipated costs, specifically insurance and retirement, so need to ask for an increase in the contract price. Anne noted that 6.5 hours is currently scheduled for traffic control and about 1.5 hours reserved to respond to calls - totaling our 8 hours per month. Keith noted that smaller town contracts are more difficult to handle than larger because the work is more piecemeal. Anne asked about the possibility of combining services to towns in close proximity. Keith noted they are looking for ways to save money and will pass whatever they find on to their towns. Anne noted the FY 2016 increase is \$608 over the amount budgeted; she thinks we can absorb that. They will be looking for 8 hours per week in the coming year and Keith will let us know by October, for budget planning purposes. Gabby asked what we would get with increased hours. Keith answered that people do a risk/analysis and figure when they can take advantage of the lack of sheriff presence, or the 2 hours they are around in town. Troy moved that we approve the modified contract for the additional \$608 over budget; Gabby seconded. Motion was passed unanimously. Keith noted his appreciation and also passed out his card with new web address, FB page, VT Alert information.
- Purchase of new Canon copier: Penny raised the copier service maintenance agreement, noting that we no longer have a service provider; she recommend that the Town enter into a contract with Canon Solutions America. The purchase rate is favorable compared to the lease rate, but we probably don't have money in our current budget. Troy suggested that we see where we are, and moved that we accept the proposal for the purchase of a Canon copier, contingent on the 2015 budget being sufficient to approve the purchase. Gabby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Solar Projects:
Peter Thurrell, Soveren, Inc. 2 projects on land owned by Will and Terye Wonhus.
 - 708 Guilford Center Road 150 kW on 1/2 acre, essentially invisible from Guilford Center Road, the owner is having the trees cleared. PSB has its own criteria for approving or rejecting these projects. They accept testimony over a period of time and, in Peter's experience, they approve a project if no one objects. It is possible that one abutter might be able to see the installation through a line of trees; it appears that there is no forest fragmentation or taking of agricultural land.
 - 159 Kirchheimer Drive, 500 kW; a separately deeded but contiguous +/- 4 acre property. There will be an 8' high welded fence around both installations. The upper field has been hayed for a long time. So 3 acres will be taken out of current use. Peter hopes that Guilford residents will benefit from these installations. He also noted that the state has issued guidelines on how towns may tax these installations, if they so choose. The 500 kW project could generate \$5000 in taxes per year (this tax income is exclusive of the State education tax, the capacity tax, which the CPG certificate holder, Sovereign in this case, pays separately). Town to decide about taxing these projects. Peter was advised that if they need to bring in a drill to take out the ledge, he needs to pay attention to the Town Plan requirements. Please send Michelle's email address to Peter so that he can give her an e-copy of both applications. Anne noted that if we have concerns we can address the PSB; Peter asked that we direct them to him first but by all means to go to the PSB.

Dan Ingold, GLC Powersmith Solar LLC

- 120 Tinker Hill Road now called the GLC Powersmith Tinker Hill Solar project. There will be no construction or use of Tinker Hill Rd. The land is currently owned by Chester and Margery Evans, Dan and his wife are buying the necessary property from them. Dan is planning to use inactive agricultural land. Harry Evans noted that the land had been used, up until 10 years before, as a cow pasture.

We are seeing these projects because there's 3-phase power that comes down Guilford Center Road (and up to Dick Clark's house). The panels will be no more than 8 ft. tall so not too visible. 2,221 panels. Dan noted that with the new legislation there are new setback requirements, AND any municipal body (e.g., Planning Commission and Selectboard) have party status. We can be involved from the get-go without filing a motion to be a party. They've had environmental consultant and state archaeologist on site already. Project should be online by November. Shaun noted that it's exciting to have a mW of power coming on line (especially considering all the problems with VT Yankee with the same level of power).

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- Assessing Clerk Appointment: The Listers were expected to provide a written recommendation to the Selectboard but there was none. Shaun noted that 2 applications were received; one individual could not be contacted. Jeremiah was the other applicant; and he is clearly well-qualified for the position. Sheila moved that we hire Jeremiah Sund per the terms laid out in the job description; Troy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Signing Dog Warrant: There are a large number of dogs that are unlicensed as of the 5/1 deadline. If they are not licensed, the dog control officer is authorized to execute necessary procedures. Troy moved that we accept the Dog Warrant for the Dog Officer so that he can take the necessary steps. Gabby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- WCHS Contract - Representative to visit at a later date. However, the \$200 fee was increased to \$250. Motion to approve the contract was made by Gabby; Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. HIGHWAY

- General Update: Dan absent. Troy mentioned that the crew is dealing with a beaver pond on Carpenter Road
- Universal Municipal Excess Weight Permits - Goodnow Trucking, Inc. requests a permit for 3 vehicles on Hinesburg Rd. and Green River Rd. Troy moved that we allow the overweight permit, based on usual conditions; Gabby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Finance

Warrants:

o PR 06/14/201	\$ 5,623.21
o PR 06/21/2015	<u>\$ 10,807.24</u>
Subtotal	\$ 16,430.45
o Warrant #23	\$41,932.38
o Warrant #23 DP	<u>\$ 23.50</u>
Total	\$41,955.88
	\$58,386.33

Troy made a motion to approve warrants as presented. Gabby seconded. Unanimous. Motion carried.

X. Communications

- Wastewater Permit Fees, FY 16 Schedule
- Municipal Park and Ride Grant Program
- Rescue Inc. Open House - Sunday, 6/27, 11-2
- Brattleboro Water Department Consumer Confidence Report
- Sportsmen, Inc. Jurisdictional Opinion #2-299
- Guilford Cares brochures about Advanced Directives Life Care Planning. Anne reported on how well Guilford Cares worked to assist an elderly resident to continue living in his home.

Troy made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Gabby seconded. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Anne Rider, Chair

Sheila Morse

Richard Clark

Gabrielle Ciuffreda

Troy Revis, Jr.