

SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

12-8-14

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

TOWN OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Mike Faher, (Brattleboro Reformer), Ian Kiehle (BCTV), Gerry Baker, Steve Detra, Cheryl Franklin, Addison Minott, Dan Ingold, Susan James, Gabby Ciuffreda, Fred Humphrey, Neil Quinn, Alex Bell, LindaLembke, Wanda Atomanuk, Cheryl Franklin

III. NEW ADDITIONS

IV. CHANGES TO AGENDA ORDER

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Troy moved and Anne seconded that we approve the minutes from 11-24-14 as written. Motion carried.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

- 2015 budget – Guilford VFD: Neil Quinn presented the budget and the summary. The FD looked at each item. Seven line items went up – mainly fire fighting equipment. They're trying to get into a pattern of replacing the Scott air packs on a regular basis. Some of the units are not certified. Every fire fighter must wear one to enter a burning building and so they are very important. They added a line for medical equipment because the medical calls are increasing. Fund raising costs money (proposed budget of \$5,000) and only brings in \$6,300. Boot drop brings in almost as much money as the chicken barbecue. Insurance costs have risen. This includes Workman's comp and insurance on the building. The equipment in the building is worth several million dollars. They are working on getting an audit done. There is mandatory testing for Cascade unit to test Scott packs. Dick asked about progress on the idea of installing solar panels. Solar didn't figure into their budget and they haven't received a grant for it. There are no new trucks on the horizon although they are considering rebuilding the tanker – it is still working well. Anne asked about and voiced her concern about the Fire Department's decision not to sprinkler the building. The response was that it's a new(ish) building and more important to stay current with equipment needs. It would be \$50,000 of tax-payer money and they felt they couldn't afford that. They are buying a new generator – ½ funds will be coming from a grant and ½ from EMD's funds – we'll have it any day now. We got a incentive grant for \$12,500 and another one from GMP for \$16,000 to go on the roof of the fire house which will supply \$75,000 worth of power.
- Hydrant discussion. The ones on Rte 5 – need to be raised up in order to be operational. The Selectboard had okayed this work last spring.
- Application for Liquor License for Guilford Country Store: Anne moved and Troy seconded that we approve the signing of the application. Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- **Green River Covered Bridge Wing Wall Project Question** – Addison Minott had communicated with Sean James asking about the height of the wing wall. Sean had sent information to the Selectboard. Concern has to do with the slope between the roadway and wall now. Peter Welch said the new wall is in fact higher than the old wall. Addison voiced his concerns about mowing and it would be much more work to maintain.
- **WSWMD** – Troy and Cheryl reported on the meeting they had on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. They mentioned that with the start of Act 148, WSWMD wants to keep the recycle bins at the towns for an additional 6 months after the law goes into effect. District also wants to maintain a dual stream system as opposed to a single stream. Troy and Cheryl will request at the budget meeting that the district consider going single stream and removing the bins or putting them out as a fee for service model. Most of the nation and state of Vermont are single stream. Budget meeting for WSWMD is Thursday, Dec. 11th.
- **Guilford Community Visit Follow-Up** – Lise Sparrow had asked to be on the agenda but was unable to attend but, through an email, expressed her thought that we should have a person designated to coordinate the ongoing efforts of the Community Visit groups now that Katie is gone. Troy clarified that Katie's job had not entailed coordination of the follow-up. Anne suggested that perhaps Sara Coffey (who had originally brought the idea to the board) might take on that role. No action was taken.
- Lise's email also questioned the DOT's policy of removing signs that are in the right-of-way for Route 5. The Selectboard expressed their understanding but mentioned that they could do nothing about this and there is, in fact, an issue with obstruction of view of Rte. 5 from the Center Road caused both by signs and cars parked at Doug Richmond's Auto.

VIII. DISCUSSION/UPDATES

- Progress on Town Administrator Search: Update: We have several candidates apply. Interviews are beginning this week.
- Item for warning – 5 member Selectboard – discussion. Anne would like the board to put this on the warning. Troy said that we should put it on the agenda for the next meeting (12-22-14)
- Museum Roof leak – update: The leak has been fixed.

IX. HIGHWAY

- General Update: There's a storm coming – we've been keeping up and getting ready for winter.
- Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits – None

X. FINANCE

- Warrants:
 - PR 11/30/2014 \$6,894.55
 - PR 12/7/2014 \$6,107.33
 - TOTAL PAYROLL \$13,001.88
 - Warrant #11 \$25,792.91
 - TOTAL ALL \$38,794.79

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- Barbara Hunt’s letter was written asking not to be reappointed in March as Delinquent Tax Collector. Anne made a motion to accept Barb’s resignation and Troy seconded. Motion approved. A letter will be sent to Barb thanking her for her many years of service to the Town of Guilford.
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XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

Motion was made by Anne and seconded by Troy to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. Motion carried.

Richard Clark

Troy Revis, Jr.

Anne Rider

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held Monday, December 22, 2014, 6:30 PM at the Guilford Town Office, located at 236 School Road.