PUBLIC HEARING - GUILFORD

VCDP Planning Grant – Community Collaborative for Guilford
Monday, October 24, 2016, 6:30 PM
Guilford Town Office - 236 School Road, Guilford

PRESENT: Selectboard: Dick Clark, Gordon Little, Sheila Morse (Chair)

Others: Lisa Barry, Katie Buckley (Town Administrator), Jethro Eaton, Cheryl Franklin, Richard Griffith (CC4G), Jim Haine (CC4G), Chris LaFalm, Alice Maes (CC4G), Elly Majonen (CC4G, Chair), Dunham Rowley (CC4G), Isaac Wagner (Development Consultant)

Sheila Morse, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Katie Buckley read aloud the purpose of the meeting:
"The Town of Guilford is considering making application to the State of Vermont for a Planning Grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing is being held to obtain the views of citizens on community development; to furnish information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this program; to review the impact to any historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project; and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement of projected use of these funds. The proposal is to apply for $30,000 in VCDP Funds which will be used to conduct a Feasibility Study for the development of a Community Center/Childcare facility in Algiers Village."

Isaac Wagner is the Development Consultant working with the Town of Guilford and Community Collaborative for Guilford (CC4G). He provided background details on CC4G's formation as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (as a result of the VCRD's Community Visit Program). He explained how their project originated, what is being conceptualized and what the proposed uses will be for the center: licensed daycare center offering early childhood education, family supportive services, Guilford Cares, Guilford Food Pantry, meeting spaces for local non-profits, etc.

Board members of CC4G introduced themselves and shared details about the project.

Jethro Eaton expressed his concern that there are a lot of other spaces available in Guilford outside of Algiers – why build new? Elly explained that there are other options available and they will consider them in this feasibility study. CC4G believes that Algiers is the most central area for a childcare facility to be located and explained all of the reasons to support this. Additionally, Algiers has municipal water and sewer and is a designated Village Center, allowing for expanded funding opportunities. It is also the most densely populated area of Guilford and

can support this type of compact development, which is supported in Guilford's 2015 Town Plan. The scale of the development will be appropriate for the Village; estimations are in the 2,500-3,000 sf range, which is about the size of a moderate -large residence.

ACTION: Gordon moved to adjourn the public hearing at 6:50 PM. Dick seconded. All were in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Richard J. Clark

Gordon Little

Sheila Morse, Chair