

## GUILFORD SELECTBOARD MEETING

September 12, 2011

**PRESENT:** Richard Clark (Chair), Troy Revis, Jr., Anne Rider, Katie Buckley (Town Administrator), Dan Zumbruski (Road Commissioner/Highway Foreman)

**I. Call to order - 6:30 PM.**

**II. Recognition of Public**

- Mike Hebert (State Representative)

**III. New Business**

- Irene - Mike Hebert – Mr. Hebert toured Guilford on 9/29/2011. He commented on the fact that we had the 100 year storm; Sweet Pond filled completely and spilled right over the dam without consequence (although the pond was empty prior to the storm). Dick commented that the drain was open during the storm so it was draining from the top and bottom. Mike mentioned that his telephone number was omitted from the public directory and would like his contact information added to the website. Anne pointed out that during tropical storm Irene and the days following that the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department did an outstanding job checking on residents in isolated areas. There was a discussion about how residents pulled together to take care of each other – making roads passable for neighbors, using ATV's to check on one another, etc. – they should be commended for what they did. Katie explained to Mike that the Town is unsure of how to proceed with the Colrain, MA side of River Rd.; Guilford is working hard to get our side passable but we are unsure of the timeline for Colrain – there are only three (3) residents living on MA's side of the washed out side. As we proceed in this, we may call Mike for his assistance if needed. He said he will try to call their representative tomorrow. Mike asked if we had received contact from the WRC, as they are now the VTrans communication vehicle for this event. Katie had indicated that the WRC has been outstanding in providing thorough, accurate information and they are extremely accessible. No communication has been received directly from VTrans. Mike asked if the storm damaged the Green River Covered Bridge. Katie explained that the wing walls took a major beating during the storm: some minor stones were lost in the abutments, there were two (2) sinkholes above the northwest wing wall and there was an approximately 30' collapse of the northeast end of the wing wall. There was a general discussion about the need to incorporate mitigation plans into future budgets.
- Irene – de-briefing –
  - We are waiting for the FEMA Inspector to make contact with us and start to assess our damage. There have been several community relations FEMA reps who have come to Guilford to inspect private property but no one for municipal property.
  - Our major problems areas are: River Road, Hale Road & Hinesburg Road – all three are still close to through traffic.
  - Slate Rock Road sustained major damage but it was repaired within two days of the storm.
- Green River – Wing wall collapse by GRCB – As mentioned above, the wall collapsed during the flooding. We need to react fairly quickly to this so that further damage to the wall and potentially the abutment does not occur during future heavy rain storms and before ANR

reinstated the restrictions for working in the waterways. We will call three (3) contractors to get bids. Katie will speak with Danny about this.

- Mutual Aid for Abutting Towns - Anne moved to allow abutting towns to use our town highways to repair their town highways (ex. Halifax may repair their Green River Road from the Guilford side) and also allow our Town Highway Department (labor and equipment) to be utilized by other towns when available. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. Finance

- Warrants:

○ PR	08/18/2011	\$	177.15
○ PR	08/28/2011	\$	7,270.70
○ PR	09/04/2011	\$	7,970.27
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>15,418.12</b>
Warrant #5		\$	60,325.65
<u>Warrant #5A</u>		\$	<u>47.97</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>75,791.74</b>

Troy moved to pay the above stated PR Warrants: 08/18/2011, 8/28/2011 & 09/04/2011 and Warrant #5 & #5A. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

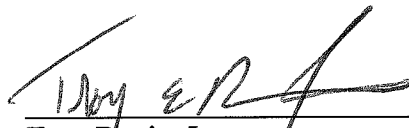
#### V. Communications


- WW Permit – WW-2-4024 – Peter & Gayle Higley – Proposed single family homes on two (2) proposed lots, a lot with an existing SFR to be reduced to three (3) bedrooms and an existing lot with proposed apartment in existing barn, located on Locust Hill Rd. in Guilford, VT
- Guilford Fire Department Auxiliary – Spaghetti Supper – October 1, 2011
- VPR – “Public Post” – news about Vermont Towns
- VLCT – “Weathering the Storm(s): Land, Water and the Local Role” – 10/19/2010 – Katie will attend this workshop

Troy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Anne seconded. Motion carried.

The next Selectboard Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office.

  
Richard Clark

  
Troy Revis, Jr.

  
Anne Rider