

TOWN OF GUILDHALL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, May 20, 2013, 7 p.m., the Guild Hall

Present: Richard “Stretch” Martin (RSM), Selectboard Chair; Tim Cahill (TC), Selectboard Vice-Chair; James “Pete” Fay (JPF), Selectboard Clerk; Sam Swope (SS), Town Clerk & Treasurer; Richard Burgess (RichB), Fence Viewer; Pat Rogers (PR), Z.A., J.P.; Eileen Thietten (ET), Lister; George Blakeslee (GB), Lister, Auditor, Moderator.

1. **Call to Order:** RSM called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To approve the minutes from the following Selectboard meetings: April 15, 2013 (regular); April 17, 2013 (special); April 23, 2013 (special); April 29, 2013 (special).

3. **Introductions:** RSM noted that none were needed.

4. **Citizens’ Concerns:** PR said that she had been contacted by a landowner inquiring as to the Selectboard’s progress regarding cemeteries on private land. TC said that he had done some investigating on the matter and that he would get more information and report back to the Board.

5. **Reports:**

Treasurer: SS presented his report, which is attached. He noted that, with the help of Marie Fay and of the rest of the School Board, the Town was able to sign another note for a loan from the School District, saving money in interest costs. He also noted that the 2013 tax rate would need to be set by the Board as soon as the listers finalized the Grand List.

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To accept the Treasurer’s report, pending audit.

Road Commissioner: TC noted that, although the roads bill was high this month (about \$12,000), the Town had gotten a good value for the money spent. He thanked those that participated in Cleanup Day 2013 (Pat Rogers and her family, as well as Al and Sue McVetty) but noted that overall turnout was lackluster.

Also, he reminded everyone of the NH DOT meeting (coming up on 6.5.13, at the Guild Hall) regarding the possible closing of the U.S. Route 2 bridge (the bridge between Lancaster, NH and Guildhall).

Water Commission: No Water Commissioners were present, but SS reported that he had heard of a leak that was repaired at private expense.

Zoning Administrator: PR said that the Planning Board had met and approved a permit for the Essex County Courthouse, with the County agreeing to modifications recommended by the Board.

Also, PR said that the P.B. would be meeting on 6.19.2013 (7 p.m., at the Guild Hall) to hold a hearing on the new draft Zoning Bylaws and Town Plan. She suggested that the Selectboard have its hearing on the matter at its July meeting.

Listers: GB said that the listers had filed the abstract of the 2013 Grand List and mailed out the 2013 change-of-appraisal notices.

Cemetery Commission: No Cemetery Commissioners were present. GB asked about falling stones in the Crawford Cemetery. RSM and TC updated everyone on the moving of a pile of sand at the Ridgwell Cemetery, which had been done with volunteer help from Al McVetty.

6. **Old Business:**

Signing of Annual Financial Plan: SS presented a finalized copy of the Town's Annual Financial Plan for roads to the Board, and it was duly signed.

Signing of Letter to Alfred McVetty: The Board signed a letter to Alfred McVetty, the former Delinquent Tax Collector, thanking him for his service.

Docs from State on Railroads: SS announced that Larry Donna, a state AOT employee who attended the Town's previous special meeting on roads, had provided a number of documents to the Board regarding railroad rights-of-way and the state-owned property near the Crawford Cemetery. SS invited the Board to inspect them at its leisure.

JPF suggested that someone contact the State and encourage them to speed up the sale of the two state-owned properties now under consideration by the Town for purchase. TC said he would do this.

Trash statute: In response to a question for GB's from the last meeting, SS said he had located the new trash statute online, but that, at over 40 pages, the law did not lend itself to photocopying.

Roadside mowing: PR asked about roadside mowing, which TC said he was planning on doing this year.

7. **New Business:**

Formation of Committee to investigate future of municipal storage in Guildhall:

JPF summarized an idea he had for forming a committee to investigate the future of municipal storage in Guildhall.

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To establish a committee to research the pros and cons of a permanent site for the Town's municipal storage shed, to include the following people: PR, Henry Shute, RichB, and GB, with the understanding that the fifth position be offered to Roger Brisson.

At the request of the Selectboard, the new committee members agreed to prepare a draft statement of purpose for said committee; this statement will be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

9. **Signing of Orders:**

SS presented the orders for payroll and accounts payable for Town and highway accounts for May, and they were duly signed.

10. **Adjournment**

On a motion by JPF and seconded by TC, it was

Voted: To adjourn, at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Swope, Town Clerk.