

TOWN OF GUILDHALL
SELECTBOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6:00 PM
Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:00 PM
2. Introductions
Gary Brown (GB), Chair; John Orłowski (JO), Vice-Chair; Jason Sterling (JS), Clerk;
George Blakeslee (gbl), Town Clerk/Treasurer;
Eileen Thietten, Zoning Administrator, Lister; Brad McVetty, road contractor; Al
McVetty, Delinquent Tax Collector; Russ Ingalls, State Senator; Rich Schiller, resent;
Terri Williams, State Rep., Corey Parent, Danielle Aretz, Eyad Al-Sibai, Ryan Scott,
National Grid Twin State Clean Energy
3. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting, April 25, 2023 M, S, A
4. Citizens' Concerns none
5. Twin States Clean Energy Representative, Corey Parent
 - i. Presentation handout (1200 MW transmission line proposal)
 - ii. Just went public with proposal
 - iii. Best case installation – Q4 2026/Q1 2027
 - iv. To meet robust New England renewable energy
 - v. Canada to Monroe NH underground along Route 102 right of way
 - vi. Community benefits
 - vii. Construction jobs, economic development, \$750K muni/ed fund, municipal buildings
 - viii. NVDA, AOT, Governors Office cautiously supportive
6. Announcements
 - i. Bulky Day, May 20 8 am – noon @ salt shed
7. Reports from Boards, Officers, Committees:
 - a. Treasurer's Report M pending audit, S, A
 - i. Revenue \$ 41,962 vs. Expense \$ 118,232 (Jan 1 – May 16)
 - ii. WGSB/CDARS Balance \$ 216,299
 - iii. Budget vs. Actual – see handout
 - b. Delinquent Tax Collector Report
 - i. Property \$9,561 \$1,408 \$765 \$11,735 (P,I,P,T)
 - ii. Water \$165 \$6 \$45 \$216 (P,I,P,T)

- c. Road Commissioner's Report
 - i. Grants Audit OK
 - ii. Grant in Aid \$11,500 [\$2,875 = \$14,375] – by 9/30/2023
 - iii. Better Roads \$20,000 [\$4,000 = \$24,000] - by 6/30/2024 (4 pictures)
 - iv. Grant in Aid Letter of Intent - \$6,500 [\$1,625 = \$8,125] – by 9/30/202
 - v. Update on road maintenance
 - vi. Road posting removed
 - vii. Grading in process, but grader broke down, repairs imminent; plan some cold patch on paved portion of Granby Rd

- d. Listers' Report
 - i. Grievance Hearing complete
 - ii. Result of Grievance mailing completed
 - iii. Homesteads & Current Use
 - iv. Tax Map updates

- e. Zoning Report
 - i. 2 permits approved, 2 public hearings for variances, many phone consultations

- 8. Old Business:
 - a. Paving parking area – table for time being
 - b. All Hazard Mitigation Plan – update – no response from VT FEMA yet
 - c. Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws revision – update
 - i. In contact with NVDA about a grant writer to help
 - d. Relocate the Handicapped Entrance/Exit – update – awaiting architect proposal

- 9. New Business:
 - a. Property Tax Assessment Appeal training (in-person or Zoom) – May 24
 - b. ECNRCD-Guildhall_Town Support Letter – M, S, A
 - c. MERP Free Building Energy Assessments
 - i. Municipal Energy Resilience Grant - \$4,000 received
 - ii. Level 1 assessments applications open soon

- 10. Other none
- 11. Executive Session (if needed) none
- 12. Signing of Orders
- 13. Adjournment 7:30 PM