

TOWN OF GUILDHALL  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, December 19, 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; Alfred McVetty, Delinquent Tax  
    Collector; Brad McVetty, road contractor; Ed Clark, resident;
  
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting, November 28, 2023      M, S, A
  
  - a. Citizens' Concerns
    - i. County Budget (Ed Clark) overall 30% increase
      1. Judges proposing 100% their salary increases (3 x the 10 year COA)
      2. Renovation/Maintenance increases
      3. Exterior Lighting too bright
  
4. Announcements
  - a. Town Office – CLOSED: Dec 26 and 28
  - b. Trash Stickers mailed to Homestead property owners
  - c. FY24 Budget Planning session - Tuesday, Jan 9, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
  - d. Board/Commission/Officer Annual Reports due by January 21, 2024,
  - e. Essex Co budget +30% - hearing Dec 27 @ 9 am – annual mtg Jan 31 @ 9 am
  - f. Rental Property inspections – VT Division Fire Safety - FYI
  - g. Vermont 250 Anniversary Commission
  
5. Reports from Boards, Officers, Committees:
  - a. Treasurer's Report      M pending audit, S, A
    - i. Revenue \$ 1,100,781 vs. Expense \$ 1,059,231 (Jan 1 – Dec 19)
    - ii. WGSB/CDARS Balance \$ 338,139 (Dec 19)
    - iii. Budget vs. Actual – see handout

b. Delinquent Tax Collector

i.	Delinquent Prop Taxes 2021	P\$ 3,114	I\$ 1,214	P\$ 249	T\$ 4,577
ii.	Delinquent Prop Taxes 2022	P\$ 3,772	I\$ 792	P\$ 302	T\$ 4,866
iii.	Delinquent Prop Taxes 2023	P\$ 14,333	I\$ 408	P\$ 1,147	T\$ 15,888
iv.	Delinquent Water Rent	P\$ 773	I\$ 23	P\$ 185	T\$ 981

c. Road Commissioner's Report

- i. Better Roads FY25 Grant – signed – Lamotte Rd
- ii. Traffic Study on Rt 102 – radar sign appl'n may proceed
- iii. Update on Road Condition
- iv. No significant rain storm damage or washouts; winter tree trimming to plan; North Rd has some rough spots to gravel; pretty good overall

d. Listers' Report

- i. Homestead filing complete
- ii. Current Use complete

e. Zoning Admin's Report

- i. 1 bldg permit/subdivision

6. Old Business:

- a. MERP report received
- b. NEK Broadband – NEKBroadband.org – Guildhall now on schedule (no date yet)

7. New Business:

- a. Historic District/Zoning complaint
  - i. Has been referred to the Historic District/Planning Board
  - ii. Selectboard to write letter of complaint to County

8. Other

- i. Maidstone Selectboard is inviting Essex County Selectboards to meet about Twin State Project

9. Executive Session (if needed) none

10. Signing of Orders

11. Adjournment 7:13 PM