

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2019
8:30 A.M. – GUILFORD TOWN HALL**

Present: Board Members: Charles Havrda, Frist Selectman Matthew Hoey,
Sue Renner, Sandy Ruoff

Others: Robert Hartmann, Jr., Guilford Keeping Society
Karen Quercia, Acting Clerk

First Selectman Hoey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman Havrda.

1. Discuss and take possible action on purchase of Rock Salt from DRVN Enterprise off State Contract #17PSX0156 at a cost of \$62.50/ton, through 2021.

Superintendent of Highways Tom Fillion explained that DRVN Enterprises has provided good service the past. They have a quick response time, including at night. They have agreed to hold last year's price through June 30, 2021. This price is \$8.00/ton less than the CRCOG price. The Town will be purchasing 600 tons of rock salt from DRVN Enterprises.

Motion: Upon a motion by Selectman Havrda, and seconded by Selectman Renner, the Board of Selectman voted to approve the purchase of 600 tons of rock salt from DRVN Enterprises off State Contract #17PSX0156 at a cost of \$62.50/ton, price to be held through June 30, 2021.

In Favor: Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

2. Discuss and take possible action on purchase of treated salt from Morton Salt through CRCOG at a cost of \$70.10/ton.

Mr. Fillion explained that this price is \$1.00/ton less than last year's price, and approximately \$13.00/ton better than the next lowest price CRCOG was able to obtain. The Town would be purchasing 700 tons of treated salt.

Mr. Fillion updated the Board on the process that the Public Works department uses to treat the roads. The treated salt is used primarily in North Guilford. It is effective to 18°, where rock salt is effective to 28°. Guilford is a bigger town than most, so it would not be cost effective to use treated salt throughout the entire town.

Motion: Upon a motion by Selectman Ruoff, and seconded by Selectman Havrda, the Board of Selectman voted to approve the purchase of 700 tons of treated salt from Morton Salt through CRCOG at a cost of \$70.10/ton through June 30, 2020.

In Favor: Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Mr. Hartmann addressed the Board on behalf of the Guilford Keeping Society. He thanked Mr. Fillion and his department for work done by the Public Works Department on South Union Street. They did a tremendous job, and offered suggestions for the future. Their work is greatly appreciated.

3. Remove from table and take possible action on application from Freedom for Women to use the Green July 27, 2019 for its rally against abortion bans.

Motion: Upon a motion by Selectman Renner, and seconded by Selectman Ruoff, the Board of Selectmen voted to remove from table the application from Freedom for Women to use the Green July 27, 2019 for its rally against abortion bans.

In Favor: Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Town Counsel Peter Barrett advised the First Selectman that this application did not meet some of the requirements of the Green Use regulations, including paragraph 1: "These regulations are adopted by the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Guilford to govern the use of the Green by Guilford nonprofit organizations for community events". It is unclear if Freedom for Women is a Guilford organization, the address on the application is a Madison address.

It was noted that the regulations also state (Item b) "Any such application must be filed at least three months prior to the desired dates."

The Board of Selectmen decided as a group to revisit the Green regulations at an upcoming meeting. Large events may need to be reviewed by the Green Committee prior to coming to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Renner asked if Freedom for Women is an actual non-profit organization, it is unclear from the submitted information.

The Board of Selectmen also noted that Item d of the regulations requires, "A certificate of insurance naming the Town of Guilford as additional insured for the event with a 30 day cancellation notice must be attached to the application before the request will be considered by the Board of Selectmen". The certificate of insurance that was submitted does not name the Town as additional insured, nor did it come from the organization which applied for use of the Green.

In respect to the Indemnification Agreement, there is no supporting documentation that the named organization has the means to indemnify the town, or the insurance to protect the town.

After consideration, the Board decided that the application would be denied, based on the stipulations outlined in the Green Use regulations. They also requested that the denial letter explain the reasons for the denial, and also offer the applicant an opportunity to respond.

Selectman Ruoff reiterated that it is unclear whether the applicant is a Guilford organization.

Motion: Upon a motion by Selectman Havrda, and seconded by Selectman Ruoff, the Board of Selectmen voted to deny the application from Freedom for Women to use the Green July 27, 2019 for its rally against abortion bans, per the Green Use regulations.

In Favor: Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion: Upon a motion by Selectman Havrda, and seconded by Selectman Ruoff, the Board of Selectmen voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

In Favor: Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Quercia
Acting Clerk