

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 2, 2010

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander and Peter Martell, and guests, Gayle Worden, Dodie Curtis, Allen Drew, Michelle Nichols, and Roberta Thomas from Friends of Community Fitness, and Bill Pearson from the Piscataquis Observer.

2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Letter from Town of Oxford read expounding on the value of another gaming institution in their county and outlining the recipients of the revenues anticipated. No action taken.

5. Letter read from Maine Service Centers Coalition asking us to re-join and explaining the benefits of membership. No action taken.

6. Letter read from Valley Grange announcing Guilford Primary School as "citizen of the year," and requesting that the board proclaim April 16th, 2010 as Celebrate Guilford Primary School Day. Burdin moved to declare the proclamation, Martell seconded the motion, and it was so voted, unanimously. This is the same building that will be offered to the town at the March 15th meeting.

7. Presentation given by Gayle Worden, director of Friends of Community Fitness, explaining their ideas for moving the gym to the primary school, should the town accept the property from

the district. She presented a floor plan diagram of the section of the building they are interested in leasing and detailed some of their proposed alterations as well as some of their program offerings and support partners. Burdin asked what date the town would take occupancy and the answer was not available at this meeting. Thompson thanked her for her interest.

8. Manager gave an update on the medical building, explaining that RFP's would go out requesting bids for the renovation work planned for the facility. Burdin noted that if costs required any borrowing, a special town meeting would be required to authorize it.

9. The Census Bureau has been using the meeting room at the fire station to test recruits and applicants for the 2010 census jobs. They still have many positions to fill and hope to get the word out that they will accept applications throughout March.

10. The Economic Development Board informed the selectmen that they would be applying for a grant from Maine Community Foundation to complete the skate park. The location has not been finalized and costs have not been totaled, but the project would be located on town land in the Water and River Streets area.

11. An application for the renewal of the liquor license at Piscataquis Country Club, filed by Eugene and Darlene Dami, was read. Following a motion from Lander with a second from Dexter, it was unanimously voted to grant the license.

12. The Economic Development Board is planning to apply for a Housing Assistance Grant from the CDBG office and asked the selectmen's approval. It was voted that the manager would draft a letter stating said approval, as moved by Burdin and seconded by Martell.

13. Manager presented the 2010-2011 warrant for board review and signatures.

14. Under assessor's issues, manger explained that a two year abatement was necessary and one other request was being studied. Lander moved and Burdin seconded the motion to review and adjust the first case accordingly and investigate the second one to discuss at a later date. Burdin noted that personal property items would be added into the Trio tax program and the

effort would be quite time consuming.

15. There being no Other Business, Burdin moved that the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:13 PM.