

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 4, 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 guest, Bill Pearson of the Piscataquis Observer.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Letter from Superintendent Paul Stearns read illustrating budget validation referendum process options that will be on the warrant for referendum this year. Voters in the school district will decide whether or not to continue the practice of voting a second time to ratify what they voted for the first time.

5. Flyer describing Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce's Family Fun and Business Showcase presented detailing their plans for the May 22nd event featuring area business booths, craft and food vendors, and family fun including games and contests. More information is available by visiting the town's new site, www.townofguilford.com , Community Services, and clicking on the chamber link.

6. Request from Abaris Club made for a donation of \$85.00 for a portable toilet at recreation field. Motion made by Burdin, seconded by Martell to approve request. Unanimous

7. Manager gave brief update on River Festival scheduled for July 31st, stating that the

customary events would be held, such as the parade, duck race and Lilac Princess, along with the addition of a Doggy Dress-Up contest, a Tug-of-War Challenge and more live music. The theme for this year is Hawaiian Luau and a very special appearance will be made by the renowned United States Army Rock Band.

8. It was announced that the town's new web site has now been launched and can be viewed at www.townofguilford.com . There are meeting notes, calendar events, feedback and comment sections and more updates to come as development progresses.

9. An update was also given on Guilford's participation in the Maine Community Heritage Project, a joint venture with the historical society, library, Piscataquis Middle School, economic development board and the town office, showcasing some of Guilford's history on the Maine Memory Network . The project will launch in June, and there will be a public "Kick-Off Party" featuring guest speakers, a preview of the project, and a traditional Maine supper at the Piscataquis Middle School on June 3rd at 5:00 pm.

10. The Abaris Club has raised funds for and is donating the new sign at the Don Osborne Memorial Playground. The foundation is in, the granite uprights are in place and the slate sign will be installed soon. Sheldon Slate Company of Monson provided the slate and French Construction is doing the installation.

11. It was reported that vandalism occurred on Elm Street as some moron broke one of the new trees. The local police arrested the suspect and restitution is anticipated as the damages will be around one thousand dollars.

12. Joe Gallant has once again agreed to direct our summer recreation program and will be sending participation forms home with the students at month end.

13. Manager discussed new bi-monthly meetings being held at the County Courthouse for the benefit of area town managers and selectmen to network and share issues and concerns. Some recent topics of discussion are county-wide assessing and cooperative safety training.

14. Under assessor's issues, a veteran's exemption was approved on a Lander motion with a Dexter second, and the date, May 18th at 7:00 pm was set for the assessors to meet regarding new construction.

15. Under Other Business, manager was requested to install new nets at the basketball court and to revisit the dangerous building at 24 Oak Street with Code Enforcement. Updates were given on preparation of the bid request notice for the Medical Building renovations as well as the lease agreements for the primary school building. After a motion from Burdin, seconded by Martell, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 7:51 pm.