

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 1, 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 Katie Palmer, Brad Sletterink, David Draper, Dustin Lander, and 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. Thank you note read from Abaris Club for donation to their summer project.

5. Letter from Maine Woods Coalition read requesting town officials to join in resolution against the creation of a national park and locking up the North Maine Woods. Burdin moved to draft a resolution supporting this position, Martell seconded it, and the vote was unanimous.

6. Request from University of Maine Center for Research on Sustainable Forests read, asking for electronic landowner database. As our program is not currently set up to run this list and since there was a motion approved in 1990 contrary to providing such a list, no action was taken.

7. Letter read from SAD#4 Superintendent Stearns advising that, subject to budget validation, the town's share of school costs for the next year would be \$1,012,910.35, 36.27 per cent of the total district budget. It was also noted that a consolidation workshop would be held June 2nd at the middle school.

8. A request to sign a nomination petition from a potential candidate for office at Maine Municipal Association was passed over on a motion from Lander with a Burdin second.

9. Manager reminded those present that the Guilford Historical Society and partners would be hosting a celebration of their web presence on the Maine Memory Network, with a free supper followed by a website presentation and music by Doughty Hill on Thursday, June 3rd at the Middle School.

10. Manager requested that board members bring in names of persons interested in filling the vacancy on the HAD#4 board of directors following the resignation of our prior representative.

11. Manager reported on his trip to Little Rock in conjunction with his service on the Property and Casualty Insurance Board of Maine Municipal Association's Risk Management Program.

12. A reminder was given that the school budget validation referendum would be voted on this Election Day, June 8th, along with an option to discontinue the redundant, wasteful process of voting twice.

13. The July Selectmen's meeting was rescheduled to June 22nd and will be noted on the Town's website calendar.

14. It was reported that in spite of a yearlong effort and countless hours of meetings, that the town's application for a CDBG Housing Assistance grant failed.

15. On a motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter, the liquor license for Katie's Bar and Grill was renewed, by unanimous vote. The same applicant's request to have a beer tent at the River Festival was approved by a 3 to 1 vote following a Lander motion and a Dexter second. It was noted that the festival committee had approved the application subject to insurance, licensing, and hours of operation guidelines.

16. David Draper addressed toe board requesting permission for the ATV Club, Piscataquis Predators, to establish an access trail on town roads, specifically High Street, west of the water tower, and North Main Street. It was conditionally agreed upon, following a motion by Dexter, seconded by Burdin, subject to the manager working out a contract with the club, by a 3-1 vote.

17. Manager stated that a phone poll would be conducted among the board members to determine the final mill rate for property taxes as soon as all expenses were calculated and the range had been determined, as in years past.

18. It was determined that a Peddler Policy was needed to address the issue of itinerant merchants selling their wares on town property. Since they pay no property taxes and compete with businesses that do, a policy will be drafted for future consideration that will address insurance requirements, state licensing, and other concerns.

19. Manager noted that Thomas Kittredge had resigned as director of PCEDC effective June 18th, for a new position with the city of Belfast.

20. Under Other Business, Brad Sletterink discussed his plans for 24 Oak Street and his intentions to construct an attractive, taxpaying property at that location.

21. After a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:47 pm.