

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 3, 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 Bill Pearson from the Observer.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.

4. Support letter read from candidate for MMA office.

5. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Dexter, the board unanimously cast their vote for the nominating committees' three directors. Following a motion Martell with a Dexter second, the board also unanimously voted for the committees' candidate.

6. In response to a letter from MMA Legislative Policy Group for issues to consider, Martell stated he would favor an excise tax based on actual cost rather than the sticker price. The manager discussed some of the pros and cons of that action. Lander requested that enforcing existing laws might be more appropriate than creating new ones. The board was given until September 1st to have any ideas brought in to be added to the survey list.

7. A letter from Black Diamond Consulting detailing plans for a cellular tower, addressed to the Town of Guilford was read, but the content was for the Town of Parkman. No action taken.

8. A letter from Superintendent Paul Stearns was read relating to the surplus property policy of SAD#4. There would be some articles available to the district towns in October.

9. A draft Law Enforcement Services Contract was received from the County, but not well received. Manager was directed to write a letter on Guilford's unchanged position on the subject, explaining that in these tight economic times, it was foolish to spend over \$100,000.00 in County money when our regionalization of services was working so efficiently.

10. Manager gave a report on the very successful River Festival. Martell added that the softball tournament was also a success. All comments to date have been extremely favorable with the exception of one letter to the editor in the Bangor Daily News.

11. Manager reported that the Maine Community Foundation had declined to support the proposed skate park with a grant, but added he believed the River festival Duck Race would add over \$800.00 to the account.

12. Manager reported that the lamp post in the Down Town section of Elm Street that had been broken by a vehicle accident, had been repaired the day before the parade and that contact had been initiated with the insurance carrier of the driver that hit it.

13. The Board was given an update by the manager on the progress with the renovations at the medical building. BNF, the contractor performing the work was finishing up today and the project had gone very smoothly. Manager also requested that the board consider naming the building the Charles H. Lightbody (Memorial) Medical Center in honor of Doc Lightbody, his impetus in getting this building erected initially, and his lifelong dedication to Guilford. After discussion, Burdin moved that the Building Committee call a meeting and make that decision. The motion was seconded by Lander and approved by unanimous vote.

14. Manager noted that he would be attending the Maine Town and City Managers Association Institute on August 17th at Northport, Maine as a member of the executive committee.

15. Manager also informed the board that he would be attending the Maine Municipal Convention in October as the moderator of a panel presenting a workshop on improving communications between managers and other groups such as fire department and police departments. The irony was noted.

16. An assessor's meeting followed with several requests for abatements read and acted upon, supplemental bills approved, and errors on property cards corrected.

17. Under Other Business, no issues were raised.

18. After a motion from Burdin, seconded by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:32 pm.