

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 7, 2010

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Rick Lander and Peter Martell, and guest Bill Pearson from the Piscataquis Observer.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. Certified letter from Piscataquis County manager and Commissioner's office read notifying that unwritten agreement regarding Guilford's police department activity to be terminated in sixty days.
5. Response to above letter stating that County may terminate anything they wish was read. Manager noted that the latest offer from the County was for the select board to draft a mutual aid agreement for their consideration, so there may be some common ground after all.
6. Leases signed by various tenants at Guilford Primary Building presented for selectmen's signatures; signed accordingly.
7. An update was given on the Adopt-a-pole program initiated by Sherry French which would provide electrical connections for lighted wreaths at up to 28 locations at the cost of \$160.00 per pole. Jeff Moore of Moore Electric had offered to donate the labor for installation of the equipment. To date, funds for seventeen lighted wreaths have been donated. The deadline for

this year's work is October 15th.

8. Minutes from Medical Building Committee read. It was noted that the committee, as charged by the select board, has determined to name the facility the C. H. Lightbody Medical Center, and that an appropriate plaque will be mounted.

9. Manager reported that the former problem property at 23 Oak Street has been taken care of and that the owner has performed as promised. It has become an attractive home with interior work continuing, a tax paying property, and an improvement to the neighborhood.

10. Chairman Thompson requested that motions be made for appropriations to the various non-profit organizations that have requested funding. Martell moved that Pine Tree Hospice, American Red Cross, Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Community Counseling Center and Womancare be funded at the same level as last year, leaving a balance in the fund for later consideration. Dexter seconded the motion and it was unanimously so voted.

11. Manager reported that the Leaf Peepers Tour this year would be a trip to Living History Days at Leonard's Mills in Bradley on October 2nd, observing special demonstrations of old fashioned methods in self sufficiency, and later stopping at a nearby restaurant for lunch. Two buses have been contracted and sign-up sheets posted. It should provide a great time for our senior citizens.

12. Manager reported that we have locked in an agreed price with McKusick Petroleum for this coming years' heating oil for all municipal buildings.

13. The Guilford Historical Society has planned its annual Harvest Fair for October 9th and requests the use of the municipal parking lot and the Braeburn Block land for some of its activities. On a motion from Lander seconded by Martell, it was unanimously voted to approve the request.

14. The State Fire Marshall's Office has visited the former Guilford Primary School building and will be ordering a plan review. It is anticipated two changes will be required; a fire suppression

system over the stove and a separate exit for the pre-kindergarten children. The town will be re-contacted in the near future for the review.

15. It was announced that our fire department has taken delivery of a new, 2011 International crew cab pumper with 1000 gallon capacity and 1250 gallons per minute capability. The invoice has been paid in full.

16. The selectmen were reminded of their invitations to a dinner meeting offered by our insurance carrier, Maine Municipal Association, scheduled for September 20th at 6:00 pm. An overview of their risk management services and programs will be provided as well as dinner and recognition awards to members.

17. On a motion from Lander seconded by Martell, the board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Time in: 7:58pm. Following a motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter, the board came out of executive session. Time out: 8:10pm. No action taken.

18. A short assessor's meeting was held in which a veteran's widow exemption and a homestead exemption were granted.

19. Under Other Business, it was noted that the church bells rang from noon to 1:00 PM on September 2nd as part of the remembrance for WWII Commemoration Day. A few calls came in from concerned residents inquiring as to the occasion.

20. After a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:22 pm.