

October 5, 2010

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Rick Lander and Kent Burdin, and guests Lois Prescott and Diane Deane from the Abaris Club, as well as 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 and accepted.

4. Thank-you notes read from Community Health and Counseling and Pine Tree Hospice for the town's recent contributions.

5. A letter from the chair of the Library Trustees and its Director was read requesting that their prior vote be affirmed, allowing them to use funds bequeathed by Dr. Lightbody to purchase two sitting chairs and place the remaining amount in their endowment fund. Lander moved to approve, Burdin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Lois Prescott and Diane Deane spoke on behalf of the Abaris Club. They stated that their group would be interested in raising funds for an exterior sign for the C.H. Lightbody Medical Center and inquired as to the town's expectations. Chairman Thompson indicated that the Building Committee had met and was leaning toward a slate and granite sign in keeping with the local theme, although the club could certainly propose any alternatives. Lois asked if any of the donated monies would be available in this effort, and upon receiving an affirmative reply, said she believed the club would move forward with this project. The Chair expressed the board's appreciation.

7. Manager informed the board that the Elm Street tree vandal was found guilty in District Court, and went on to grouse that the judge had set restitution for damages at \$400.00, rather than the

\$900.00 estimated by the landscaper who did the initial work.

8. An update on the plans for the October 9th Harvest Fair sponsored by the Guilford Historical Society was given. There will be hay rides, a scarecrow building contest, craft vendors, a bake sale, an antique appraiser, yard sales, pumpkin carving, and a twilight cemetery tour at Elmwood Cemetery.

9. The board was notified that the annual Winter Parking Ban would begin on November 1st, and notice would be published.

10. Manager opened the public hearing to discuss General Assistance Appendices. Burdin moved to accept Appendices A through C as provided by the Department of Health and Human Services for Piscataquis County towns. Lander seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

11. The Maine Municipal Association business meeting is scheduled for October 12th, and a delegate from each town may vote. Burdin moved and Lander seconded that Tom Goulette be the voting delegate for Guilford. Approved by unanimous vote.

12. The Economic Development Board has determined to apply for a Housing Assistance Grant and a Planning Grant for Downtown Revitalization, pending board approval. Lander so moved and Burdin seconded the motion. Unanimous.

13. The Manager discussed a fund raising effort by a yogurt company that would pay a dime for every yogurt container lid returned, to go towards Breast Cancer research, noting that that figure represents twenty percent of the gross sale, rather than a percentage of profits. Permission was given to collect the lids at the town office to assist in this effort.

14. Manager was directed to approach competing providers to solicit costs and service levels of assessment program assistance.

15. Under assessors' issues, a Farmland application was received and rejected for the 2010 tax year. Manager was instructed to advise the applicant that it needed to be filed prior to April 1st of the current tax year and that they would consider it for 2011. A properly executed Tree Growth renewal application was signed and recorded.

16. There being no Other Business, following a motion from Burdin and a Lander second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.