

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 5, 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 Piscataquis Observer and Carrie Fellows.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Letter from Maine Municipal Association was read detailing the outcome of the state's latest proposed budget cuts which will reduce revenue sharing funds paid to the town by over \$26,000.00. The good news just keeps on coming.

5. A letter from Sandra Beauregard was read regarding the good work of the Guilford Partnership Food Pantry and requesting that the town consider the purchase of a building in which to house their operation. Lander moved to table the discussion, seconded by Dexter and it was tabled with no action taken.

6. Manager reported on the visit from the loss control engineer from our insurance carrier. Only two minor issues surfaced which were immediately taken care of and it was noted that the emergency light at the town garage needed repairs. Dexter stated he had an available replacement and that he would deliver it to the garage.

7. Manager noted that Guilford Memorial Library was one of only four libraries in Maine to

receive a four star rating, an accomplishment they achieved last year as well.

8. The tax acquired property on Sebec Shores Road was discussed at length before Burdin moved it be returned to the prior owner upon payment in full of all outstanding taxes, costs, and other expenses. The motion was seconded by Lander and carried by a vote of three to one.

9. An update on the condition and changes contemplated at the Medical Building was given and Martell described his efforts to alleviate the ice back-up issues. A meeting will be scheduled with Mayo Associates in the very near future to clarify any necessary renovations contemplated as well as upgrades needed to existing systems.

10. The Board was asked if they wished to set eligibility requirements to determine the presentation of the Boston Post Gold Headed Cane. Martell moved that residency should be established in town for one year for a person to be considered eligible. Dexter seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

11. The Fire Department presented its proposed slate of officers for the upcoming year and the entire slate was accepted and nominated as presented following a motion from Lander with a Burdin second.

12. The Fire Department Budget was presented for review with no action taken as budget committee meets in February.

13. Dexter moved that the fire services contracts for Abbot and Parkman be increased to \$14,000.00 annually as wages and costs have increased and the contracts have not changed in six years. Martell seconded his motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

14. On a motion from Lander with a Martell second, it was voted to go into executive session as per MSRA ss 404 (6)(A)&(D) to discuss employee compensation. The session began at 8:09 and ended at 8:56 following a vote to exit said session as moved by Lander and seconded by Burdin. No action was taken.

15. Manager gave board Second Notice for warrant articles. None presented at this time.

16. There were no topics brought up under "Other Business."

17. Burdin moved that the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:57 PM.