

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 7, 2009

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, and Rick Lander, and guests Josh Salm of the Piscataquis Observer, and Carrie Fellows of the Economic Development Board.
  
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
  
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted; correspondence read.
  
4. Manager detailed Code Enforcement Officer's findings on potential dangerous or nuisance building. The process to mitigate this situation will require a hearing to be held once notice is given to the parties of interest, and after such hearing, the board may declare as they see fit and outline a cure. It was moved by Lander and seconded by Burdin to proceed with notice and schedule the hearing at the next selectmen's meeting.
  
5. The lease of the Medical Building to Mayo Regional Administrative Services for another term was discussed and signed by the board to be taken to Mayo for signatures.
  
6. Manager advised that the Richard Ruksznis heirs property, formerly tax acquired, had been redeemed by the prior owner as agreed and they signed a quit claim deed to same. Manager also stated that the rightful owner of the mystery lot on Gray Valley Road had been determined and once the actual acreage had been clarified, a deed would be presented on the parcel to correctly identify ownership.
  
7. It was discussed that a consistent policy be developed and followed regarding delinquent personal property taxes. Manager stated that small claims court was one established remedy

and that he would bring suggestions and methods favored by the Maine Municipal Association to the next meeting.

8. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Dexter, it was agreed to move the May Selectmen's meeting to the 12th to accommodate a planned public hearing.

9. Manager reported that the State valuation for Guilford for 2010 was adjusted to \$133,150,000.00, a decrease of 3.9 percent.

10. Burdin moved that the Declared Ratio be set at 100 percent. This figure and its comparison to the sales ratio study determines the amount of reimbursement the town receives on homestead exemptions.

11. The General Assistance Ordinance was amended to accept the new dollar values on food allowances following a Burdin motion, seconded by Dexter, and unanimously voted.

12. A junkyard permit was renewed for R & K Towing on the Wharff Road. Motion by Lander; seconded by Dexter; unanimous.

13. The CLC group from school had requested that the town partner with them in a grant application for after school programs. Burdin so moved, Dexter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

14. The Guilford Sangerville Water District nominated Kevin Speed to be appointed as a director for another term. Lander moved to appoint him, Burdin seconded, and he was unanimously approved for appointment.

15. On a motion from Burdin with a second from Dexter, William Rizzitello was appointed to the Board of Appeals.

16. Under assessor's issues, the following abatement requests were heard and voted upon: Janice Drinkwater was granted a partial abatement, Matthew Storer was granted a partial abatement, and Avis Whitten was granted the exemption for the blind as per statute.

17. Under other business, the manager reported that Burgess Road had been discontinued beyond the present Burgess homestead. Lander asked that the manager revisit the status of the fire department as it relates to being a department of the town and its oversight.

18. Burdin moved that the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:29 PM.