

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 12, 2009

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 Code Enforcement Officer Keith Doore, Brian Reynolds, Jeff Libby, Wayne Hoar, Tony Davis, and Josh Salm of 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; correspondence read, and condolences expressed to the family of Dan Burdin for their recent loss.

4. A hearing was then opened on to discuss the possible declaration of a dangerous building on Oak Street, its owner having been duly served, and after a lengthy discussion and debate, it was moved by Lander, seconded by Dexter, to dispose of the matter in the following manner; no construction to continue, property corner posts to be determined, clean-up to continue and building permit to be completed, filed, and approved before the next selectmen's meeting on June 2nd. If these conditions not met, decision may very likely be to declare unpermitted construction as dangerous as defined by statute.

5. Manager advised that bid notices had gone out regarding two tax acquired properties, with responses required by June 2nd.

6. Manager reported that the CDBG Housing Assistance grant application was not selected for funding during the current round.

7. Manager outlined the plans for the Pink Tulip Project celebration on May 13th beginning at

the Medical Building site at 6:30, continuing at 7:00 at the Library, and finishing up with a candlelight service at Cummings Park, all planting sites.

8. Proposed school budget figures were read and it was noted that the assessment to Guilford may be decreased for the '09-'10 school year.

9. A municipal warrant was signed to request the Animal Control Officer to take action against the list of unlicensed dog owners in town, following a motion from Burdin, seconded by Dexter, with a unanimous vote.

10. Captain Jeff Libby of the Guilford Fire Department spoke on the progress to date in obtaining a replacement pumper fire truck. A selection has been recommended by the firemen for a May, 2010 delivery.

11. Manager discussed the repair to the water lines at Elmwood Cemetery and the scheduling of new plots on the west end. Jeff Libby proposed to repair several of the broken stones and was given authority to do so.

12. A request from the Abaris Club for a donation toward the purchase and construction of signage for the four cemeteries was tabled until the August meeting, following a unanimous vote on a Lander motion and Burdin second.

13. The Abaris Club also requested a donation for one month's rental fee of a port-o-potty at the athletic fields. Burdin so moved, Dexter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

14. Manager briefly spoke of his attendance at the annual National League of Cities Risk Management Seminar held in Louisville, Kentucky this past week..

15. Under assessor's issues, two abatement requests were denied, two veteran exemptions were granted, and the board was updated on the continued efforts of William Ebbeling to obtain an abatement through Maine Superior Court. An assessor's meeting was set for May 19th at 7:00 pm.

16. Under other business, the manager reported that the summer recreation program would not include swimming at the YMCA as the cost had tripled from last year. On a motion from Burdin with a Dexter second, the board unanimously agreed to sign a resolve supporting LD-285, an act to delay penalties to school districts not complying with the unconstitutional state mandate to consolidate.

17. Lander moved that the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Burdin the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 9:08 PM.