

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 2, 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 Harold and Brenda Quiet, and Josh Salm of the Piscataquis Observer.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.

4. Thank you note read from Abaris Club for support of their port-a-potty project.

5. Manager advised read latest assessment figures from SAD#4 budget, projecting a decrease of 8.7% from last year bringing Guilford's share of the 2009-2010 school-year total to \$938,056.57.

6. Bids were then opened on two separate tax acquired parcels. The first parcel described as Map 18-Lot 5 and being 2.35 acres, received four bids ranging from \$750.00 to \$1151.00. Martell moved that all bids be rejected and that the property go back out to bid at a later date with a minimum starting point, explaining that he felt the property had a much higher value than any amount offered. Burdin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All bidders will be notified by mail of the decision. The second parcel, described as Map 18-Lot 52 and being .18 acres, received three bids ranging from \$700.00 to \$1625.00. On a motion from Dexter with a Martell second, the high bid of \$1625.00 was accepted unanimously.

7. Manager updated the 24 Oak Street situation concerning a decision on a possible dangerous building, stating that the required permit was denied by the planning board and had gone to

appeal. Lander moved that the item be tabled pending said appeal. Burdin seconded the motion and it carried with a unanimous vote.

8. Manager reported that a 2009 E-One International Pumper had been ordered for the Fire Department to replace a 33 year old truck at a cost of \$226, 700.00, and was due to arrive in March of 2010.

9. The July meeting of the selectmen would be held on the first Tuesday, July 7th, and not be skipped this year as had been the custom in the past.

10. A reminder was given that the School Budget Validation Referendum, a totally unnecessary pursuit dictated by Augusta at no small cost to the local, already strapped taxpayers, would be held at the polls on June 9th to vote a second time on what was already passed at the school district budget meeting.

11. Manager noted that excise tax collections were about \$15,000.00 behind schedule for the first third of the fiscal year, a decrease of 19 percent.

12. Under assessor's issues, one abatement request was denied and tree growth renewal applications were signed

13. No other business was brought forth.

14. Dexter moved that the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Burdin the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 7:40 PM.