

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 8, 2009

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:01PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell, and guest, Jeff Libby.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Thank You notes read from Eastern Area on Aging and Pine Tree Hospice for donations made to their groups by the town.
4. Voting credentials for the Maine Municipal Association's annual meeting were presented. Burdin moved that Tom Goulette serve as Guilford's delegate. Motion was seconded by Martell and unanimously approved.
5. A letter from MMA's Risk Management Division was read, explaining a \$2727.00 dividend the town received on its insurance program.
6. Manager read a letter from the Municipal Review Committee warning that as tons of trash delivered to PERC decrease, assessments could be made to charter communities to make up the loss of revenue.
7. Read letter from Superintendent of Schools updating the plan to close Guilford Primary School. The Board has so voted and it will now go to the voters of the entire district in November. Again, if the district votes to return it to Guilford, the town must then vote to accept

it, so no changes will occur prior to March of 2010.

8. Bids for the tax acquired property were opened and read. Three bids were received, one in the incorrect form. The apparent high bid was \$6033.00 from Lisa Martell. It was moved by Lander and seconded by Dexter to accept said bid; the vote was 4 in favor with one abstention.

9. Jeff Libby presented several photos of the stone repair and resetting of 43 grave stones in Elmwood Cemetery. The effort was very impressive to date and a very pleased board expressed their gratitude.

10. The 2008-2009 annual audit was presented and some questions raised regarding timing and content. Manager to look into resolving the delivery date issue next year.

11. The Villages of Piscataquis County group that has put together an audio driving tour of the area directing the listener to sites of interest, wishes to place signs at King Cummings Park to denote the history of the textile and wood products industries in town. Burdin moved and Martell seconded the motion to allow the sign or signs to be placed.

12. Manager reported on discussions with the Piscataquis County manager regarding Guilford police coverage and some of their suggestions. It was recommended that the town not contract with the County in this and to keep things the way they are now with whatever adjustments may be necessary to clarify insurance issues.

13. Guilford Historical Society is planning a Harvest Fair for Saturday, October 3rd which will include a cooking contest, lunch at the Methodist Church, GHS building tours, children's games, pumpkin decorating, temporary tattoos, free space for flea market tables, and a walking twilight cemetery tour. It was agreed to permit them to use the Braeburn and Edes lots for the festivities.

14. In response to a request from a local business to permit entertainment at their establishment, manager dredged up a 1979 ordinance requiring a hearing. A public hearing may be held as soon as a permit is received. Live entertainment requires a municipal permit, dancing would require state approval.

15. Manager reported that the Medical Building had been broken into, but that the alleged perpetrator had been apprehended. It was also noted that several street and road signs had been stolen.

16. Under assessor's issues, one abatement request was postponed until a comparison study could be completed.

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