

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 6, 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 Josh Salm from the Observer and Katie Palmer from Katie's Bar and Grill.
  
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
  
3. Balance sheets distributed.
  
4. Thank You notes read from Pine Tree Chapter of American Red Cross, Community Health and Counseling Services, and the Guilford Historical Society for donations made to their groups by the town.
  
5. Letter from Linda Dexter read detailing the work done on her home through the 2007 Housing Grant and requesting follow-up on one item that was not to her satisfaction. Manager agreed to determine the process necessary to proceed.
  
6. Manager reported on County Commissioner's Meeting this morning regarding Guilford's police coverage. No changes coming at this time and manager is to prepare an outline of our current procedures.
  
7. Manager read Summer Recreation Report from Joe Gallant on another successful season along with his ideas for improvements in the future.

8. Manager proposed a renewal of the winter parking ban for town streets to begin November 1st 2009 and continue through May 1st of 2010 whereby no parking is allowed between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am except that if an establishment is open for business between those hours, a patron may be so parked. It was agreed that the ban continue and be advertised accordingly.

9. A Public Hearing was held to discuss Special Amusement Permit for Katie's Bar and Grill at 7 Elm Street. Katie Palmer was only person speaking in favor and explained that her plans were for occasional signing artists and karaoke events. Lander moved for approval Dexter seconded the motion and the permit was granted unanimously.

10. A Public Hearing to discuss the new proposed General Assistance Appendices governing the limits of eligibility was held and on a motion from Burdin, seconded by Martell, the new pages were adopted unanimously.

11. An application from the snowmobile club for grant money to assist in trail maintenance was unanimously approved following motion from Martell which was seconded by Burdin. This money comes from the State as long as the towns agree to sponsor the application.

12. A reminder was given that a public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 pm on October 21st at the Piscataquis Community Middle School to discuss the upcoming referendum on school closings and repairs.

13. A further reminder was given that the above questions and several other important issues will be voted on November 3rd.

14. Under assessor's issues, one abatement request was denied and a hearing was scheduled for the appellant.

15. Martell moved that the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Burdin, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 7:37 PM.