

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 8, 2009

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, and Peter Martell, and guests Shawn Bridgman.
  
2. Motion made by Dexter, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
  
3. Balance sheets distributed.
  
4. Letter from Superintendent Stearns read, regarding current and future cuts and slashes to the education budget by the State. Coupled with a district-wide increase in the property valuations, Guilford will face a double hit in the next school budget, and maybe a triple threat when a penalty is added for not consolidating as were ordered by the 38% Solution and his commissioner.
  
5. A letter from Maine Municipal Review, Inc. was read regarding their proposed resolution to plan ahead for the 2018 contract renewal and possible changes to the per-ton target rate for trash disposal.
  
6. Manager reported on tax acquired properties stating that an arrangement had been worked out for one of the owners due to medical issues, and a second case was in bankruptcy. Another owner who had forfeited property was in attendance and requested that the board consider reinstating the property to him as he had overcome past financial problems and could now catch up on past balances. On a motion from Martell, seconded by Dexter, it was agreed to delay the decision until the January meeting when a full board would be present.

7. Manager presented a signed agreement between the town and Maine Community Foundation under the terms of which they would manage the trust funds in various investments on behalf of the town. There will be a Linnell Trust and a General Trust added to the existing Guilford Memorial Library Trust, making three separate funds to be administered by MCF.

8. Snowplowing contracts between the town and Haley Construction were presented for signatures. The contracts are identical to last years' but manager warned an increase would be coming at the next renewal. It was mentioned that a fine job had always been done by this contractor in the past.

9. Due to a grant the town is to receive an AED, (automatic external defibrillator,) at a presentation at Mayo Hospital on December 21st at 11 o'clock.

10. Manager gave a report on the Chamber Partners Christmas programming for the area, stating that it was considered a success by all involved. From the decorating of the bridge by Lisa King of Heart's Desire, assisted by Michelle and Chelsea Nichols, to the Story Reading at the library, the Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa at the gazebo, and even the slow-burning bonfire, capped off by hot chocolate, cider and cookies at the Historical Society, it was a well-attended day locally.

11. The date was set for the annual budget committee meeting; it will be held February 8th, 2010 at P.C.H.S. at 7:00 pm.

12. Manager gave board First Notice for warrant articles. None presented at this time.

13. Under assessor's issues, a letter was read from the County Commissioners wherein they reversed their prior position and granted William and Eileen Ebeling an abatement on their Field Road property.

14. Under Other Business, Martell inquired as to the disposition of the property at 24 Oak Street, formerly declared dangerous. Manager stated the prior owners had just received the title back to their names and were planning to sell it. It was decided to sit tight and see what happened in the next few months before taking further action.

Martell moved that the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Dexter, the meeting was

adjourned unanimously at 8:09 PM.