

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 3, 2009

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:35 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell, and guests Josh Salm of the Piscataquis Observer, Ben Dever of Mayo Regional Hospital, and Carrie fellows of the Economic Development Board.
  
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter, to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
  
3. Balance sheets discussed and correspondence read. A letter from School Superintendent Paul Stearns told of the next step regarding school consolidation and budgeting issues. A letter was read from the Charlotte White Center on a memorial brick project and a letter was read from Siefert Schultz requesting funding for the Historical Society. No action taken and the funding request will be deferred until the usual appropriation schedule in August.
  
4. A review was given of the SAD#4 school consolidation vote: 30 "for"; 592 "against." The state now will impose a penalty of roughly \$133,000.00 on our school, which they will in turn pass along to other schools that already spend much more than us, but voted the way they were told to.
  
5. Reminder given that the annual budget committee meeting was scheduled for February 9th at P.C.H.S. at 7:00 pm.
  
6. Brief report given on the public hearing held earlier in the evening regarding the application for a housing assistance grant through the C DBG Program. There were 32 in attendance. Thompson said a fine job was done in getting the word out.

7. Following a motion from Dexter with a Martell second, it was unanimously voted to renew our septage contract with Patterson Brothers at the same price as last year.

8. A letter from the Greater New England Youth Football League was read at the request of Calvin Ames, requesting support and use of a field for this new organization. No action taken as more information such as funding, supervision, qualifications of instructors and coaches, and liability issues was needed.

9. On a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander, it was agreed to set the delinquent tax interest rate at 9% and the return rate at 5%; within the guidelines of the State Treasurer.

10. Final notice for warrant articles; none addressed.

11. Manager presented annual budget to the board for their review and input prior to annual committee meeting next week. Consensus reached on all accounts.

12. Under assessor's issues, abatement requests were read and assessors agreed to review two of three and discuss at next meeting. The third was approved pending verification of acreage.

13. Under other business, Edes Building demolition bids and award were reviewed with Gordon Davis of Parkman being named the successful bidder.

14. Lander moved that the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Martell the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:59 PM.