

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 5, 2008

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:01 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell, and guests Linda Packard from the Library and Gary Grant from Guilford Fire Department

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

3. Balance sheets distributed. Letter from Superintendent Stearns read regarding uncertainty of school budget numbers at this time.

4. Reminder given that Town Budget Committee meeting scheduled for February 11th at 7:00 pm at P.C.H.S.

5. Gary Grant gave an update on the generator. It is now installed and fully functional although the installation was \$250.00 over the bid due to location requirements. He stated that Jeff Libby was making plans to enclose or fence it in to prevent vandalism issues.

6. Manager presented renewal fire service contracts for Abbot and Parkman at last year's rates. Approved following a motion from Lander, seconded by Burdin. Unanimous.

7. Burdin moved to set the delinquent tax interest rate at 11% and the return rate at 7%. Seconded by Dexter. Unanimous.

8. Lander made a motion, seconded by Burdin to approve the renewal contract with the Patterson Brothers for septage disposal. Unanimous.

9. An easement from M.D.O.T. for a drainage pipe on Elm Street was presented. It was voted to have the manager sign and return the easement following a motion by Burdin, seconded by Martell. Unanimous.

10. Manager explained the likelihood of a tax cap override article on the March warrant in compliance with LD-1. This article, if approved will allow the town to exceed the cap in the event that voters approve spending limits to that effect.

11. Final notice for warrant articles announced. Martell inquired if background checks should be required on all future town employees and officers and whether this should be on the warrant. Following discussion, manager was directed to investigate with Maine Municipal Association as to requirements.

12. Manager presented annual budget for selectmen review and comment. Following comment and adjustment, the selectmen adopted a budget to present to the town committee on February 11th at its annual meeting.

13. Under Assessor's Issues, a list of abatement request reviewed by the agent was presented and decisions made to abate and or deny.

14. Other Business; none presented.

15. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Dexter, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 9:41 PM.