

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 4, 2008

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.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed. Letter from M.D.O.T read requesting permits for heavy trucks as per item #8 below. Letter from Al Hunt read praising road crew for their work during the latest storm. Letter from Superintendent Stearns read regarding continued uncertainty of school budget numbers at this time.

4. Manager gave update on tax acquired properties. One has been redeemed as per prior agreement by the owners, and the other, a small in-town lot will be advertised for bid before the next meeting.

5. A liquor license for Gene and Darlene Dami to sell spirits at Piscataquis Country Club was renewed following a unanimous vote on a motion from Lander with a Dexter second.

6. Red light permits were granted to three firefighters on Guilford Fire Department following a motion from Martell, seconded by Burdin. Unanimous.

7. The 2008 annual town meeting warrant was approved. It was noted that the budget committee accepted all the recommendations of the board at their February 11th meeting. Burdin moved to accept as written, seconded by Lander, and the vote was unanimous.

8. It was agreed to allow overweight construction vehicles on town roads as needed by the M.D.O.T. contractors for the purpose of the Water Street construction project. This job calls for repaving the section of Water Street from Main Street to where the Dover Road project began. A motion from Burdin with a Dexter second led to a unanimous vote.

9. Resignations from the S.A.D. #4 School board were read from Pam Goulette and Ralph Eastman. It was moved by Dexter to accept these "with regret", seconded by Burdin. Unanimous.

10. Manager explained the mechanics 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. Manager further noted, however, that he expects it will not be necessary, as the final number should be within the acceptable limit.

11. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Burdin, it was unanimously agreed to accept and sign the county warrant. It was noted that there was a decrease in their assessment to the town of nearly \$25,000.00 from the prior year.

12. Under assessors' issues, five old abatement requests were addressed.

13. Under Other Business, Dexter asked what the personnel policy said regarding compensation time. Manager reported that the policy provided for it but he had limited its use to no more than one week per year per employee. Dexter moved to amend the policy to specifically state that compensation time could be built up for only one week per fiscal year, that it would need to be taken during that fiscal year, and that its timing would be up to the manager's discretion. Following a second from Burdin, the motion carried unanimously. Dexter also brought up that a sign was needed to prevent parking in front of the door at the medical building. Manager to order and install sign.

14. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:16 PM.

