

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 1, 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. Guests present were Dr. Ken Woodbury and Thomas Kittredge from PCEDC, J. Paul Curtis, Richard Panciera, and Al Hunt.

2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, to approve minutes of March 4th and March 17th meetings. Unanimous.

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Bids on tax acquired lot at Map 15- lot 70 on Morse Avenue opened. There were three bids and it was unanimously voted to award the bid To Brian Church, following a motion from Burdin with a second from Dexter.

5. A decision letter from the County Commissioners was read regarding the abatement hearing for Richard Manganiello, granting him a refund of \$121.00. It was moved by Lander, seconded by Dexter to accept the decision. So voted; unanimous.

6. Chairman Thompson introduced Thomas Kittredge from PCEDC and Mr. Kittredge gave a brief overview of his function as Business Development Specialist and the makeup of PCEDC. He also announced a conference titled New Directions for Piscataquis County to be held on May 16th which would host a panel of industrial experts in wind power, water power, wood pellet manufacturing and other new ideas being utilized in the state. Dr. Kenneth Woodbury, Jr. then explained his role as Community Development Specialist and discussed grant funding and PCEDC's ability to assist towns with the grant writing process.

7. A liquor license for The Covered Bridge Restaurant to sell spirits was renewed following a unanimous vote on a motion from Martell with a Lander second.

8. Consent for Mount Kineo Lodge Charity Fund to apply for a bingo license was approved. A motion from Burdin with a Dexter second led to a unanimous vote.

9. A copy of a letter sent to John Noll, planner for EMDC by the County was read along with a note from County manager Mike Henderson requesting support for the letter. It was moved by Martell, seconded by Dexter to have manager write a support letter and forward it to Noll. Unanimous.

10. Manager brought up resident's inquiry into posting "engine brake" signs and an MDOT position paper on the subject was presented. It was agreed to refer the matter to the planning board for their consideration and follow-up.

11. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Lander, it was unanimously agreed to set the Declaration of Certified Ratio for 2008 at 100%. This step determines the percentage of reimbursement the town will receive from the state for homestead exemptions.

12. Under assessors' issues, three old abatement requests were addressed, a Veterans' exemption was granted, and the board agreed to set the per acre value of Farmland/ pasture at \$325.00 for both 2007 and 2008.

13. Under Other Business, it was agreed to call an assessor's meeting for April 15th at 7:00pm at the selectmen's' office and to set dates for industry review for May. Manager directed to obtain all updated data from Penquis Real Estate Services prior to meeting.

14. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:29 PM.