

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 3, 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 Al Hunt, Laurel Hunt, Ed Stupakewicz, Vicki Stupakewicz, and Gary Grant.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Correspondence read and distributed.

5. Manager stated that No Jake Brake signs should be worded as a request; if it is to be an ordinance, the town would be responsible to enforce it. "Please refrain from using engine brakes" would be appropriate. Manager directed to order a sign and place it on Water Street, and follow up with residents to determine compliance.

6. Manager read letter from the Piscataquis County Commissioners' office stating that Mr. Ebbelings' abatement request had been denied.

7. Assistant Fire Chief Gary Grant proposed that the board allow the Guilford Fire Department to expand its roster to provide slots for Junior Firefighters who are turning eighteen. Following discussion regarding age requirements and insurance, Burdin moved that Juniors be allowed membership upon turning eighteen until such time as the by-laws are written to address the situation. Following a second from Dexter, the motion carried unanimously.

8. Al Hunt of Partnership Food Pantry gave an update of the growth of the service in Guilford. On June 10th, this food cupboard will greatly expand its outreach effort by delivering packages of food to those households that cannot get to the cupboard. The Partnership food Pantry will operate its mobile service on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month and will maintain their regular pantry hours from Noon until 2:00 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The board expressed appreciation for their continued interest in and assistance to the citizens of Guilford and surrounding towns.

9. A hearing was held for the renewal of a junkyard permit for R&K Towing. It was moved by Lander and seconded by Burdin to approve, subject to the Code Enforcement Officers' inspection, recommendation, and approval. Unanimous.

10. The board was reminded that the SAD #4 school budget meeting is scheduled for June 5th at GMS at 7:00 pm.

11. The School budget validation referendum warrant was presented and signed. The specimen ballot was posted in the usual places earlier today.

12. A license for the renewal of the Conner-Trafton Legion Post's Beano activities was signed following a motion from Lander with a second from Dexter. Unanimous.

13. Manager informed the board that Mike Cranmer and Tracy Dula had donated a bench to be placed at the tennis court. Burdin moved to accept the gift and send a note of appreciation; seconded by Dexter and unanimously agreed.

14. Manager reported that the sign-up sheets were handed out at school for the summer recreation program, and announced that the town would continue with the YMCA swim program at the same rate as last year.

15. Under assessors' issues, Vicki Stupakewicz raised some points on her abatement denial and lack of written notice. After discussion, it was agreed by the board that an investigation would be made to determine if a better classification existed and an answer would be given no

later than June 16th. Further action saw a motion from Burdin with a Lander second pass unanimously to reduce the residential values by three percent as a result of sales ratio study indications.

16. It was decided to have a July Selectmen's meeting on the first of the month, in hopes that a mil rate could be approved at that time.

17. Dexter moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:35 PM.