

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 1, 2008

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:22 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell. Guests present were Al Hunt, Laurel Hunt, Danielle Gioia , Dodie Curtis, Linda Packard, Joni Slamm, Carrie Fellows, Virginia Anderson, Roberta Thomas, Brian Woodworth, Seifert Schultz and Madeline Shultz.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Manager stated that notice had been served to appear in Superior Court regarding the abatement request by W.D.Ebbeling and the subsequent denials. Both the County and the Town received notice and a response has been filed by attorney Erik Stumpfel requesting a motion to stay.

5. The manager announced that the mil rate for 2008 has been set at .01280, or \$12.80 per thousand of property valuation, and that the taxes have been committed.

6. Danille Gioia of the Guilford Memorial Library detailed some repair and maintenance issues needing attention, specifically, painting and gutter replacement along the west side. She stated that they had the paint, just needed to find the labor part. Linda Packard added that a recent energy audit showed some areas that needed attention and could provide some savings during the heating season. Burdin moved that the town undertake the project as the building is one of the town's responsibilities, and get the work completed. Lander seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous..

7. Dodie Curtis introduced the Pink Tulip Project that the garden club is working on; a fundraiser and awareness effort for women's cancer research. They plan to add special plantings to the existing gardens and create a display at the Guilford Medical building. The Library asked if they could support this with plant sale funds and it was agreed that would be within their discretion. Bulbs will also be available for personal purchase and use, and contributions can be made at the library or at www.pinktulipproject.org , and clicking on Guilford Community Garden.

8. Under assessors' issues, it was voted to grant homestead exemptions to two overlooked accounts, to abate the personal property tax on the Black Forest Restaurant that had closed and sold its chattels prior to April first, and to supplement a new lot that had been created from a partial lot sale.

9. Under Other Business, Virginia Anderson asked what a selectman or selectwoman did as part of their duties; Seifert Shultz thanked those present for "getting back the Historical Society" and recounted the spirit of cooperation that achieved the War Memorial display; and Linda Packard thanked the Town of Guilford for its assistance with the financial administration for the Town of Willimantic. It was decided to have a August Selectmen's meeting on the 19th the month to increase attendance.

10. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:09 PM.