

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 19, 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, Linda Packard, Seifert Schultz, David Inglehart of Tim's Cove Property Owners' Association, and Jackie Estrella.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Manager gave brief update of Piscataquis River Festival held on July 26th. It was well attended, blessed by sunny weather, included another excellent parade, and generated \$1200.00 from the Duck Race for the skate park program.

5. The manager provided an update on the school consolidation progress involving S.A.D. #4, and #41, Harmony and Willimantic. The required public hearing was held on August 4th and the planning committee had voted to send the plan to the school boards for their approval. A final vote on the matter will be held at the time of the November election, to determine if all towns included wish to proceed with the new School Administrative Unit prescribed by law. It was also noted that the petition to repeal said law was still generating interest.

6. Manager detailed road work that had been accomplished in recent weeks; namely the ditching of in-town streets and culvert replacements and the extensive ditching and repair work on the Sebec Shores Road in compliance with FEMA grant fund requirements.

7. Manager announced that an oil contract had been agreed upon with McKusick petroleum to

supply heating oil for the 2008-2009 heating season at \$3.639 per gallon.

Linda Packard was called upon and she requested that Guilford Memorial Library be allowed to donate \$250.00 of funds raised from their recent book sale to the Swan's Island Library that had just lost all their books. On a motion from Burdin with a second from Lander, it was agreed to approve the request. Linda stated that they had raised \$464.72 at the sale, more than their usual intake.

Dave Inglehart was asked to present his request and he stated that he was exploring the possibility of working through the Town of Guilford to contract work on the Sebec Shores Road that the association wanted done, if they made a contribution to the town equal to the cost of the work requested. After discussion, it was decided to try to work with them for the benefit of all involved since it would be done at no additional costs to the town other than the road commissioner's time and participation.

8. Al Hunt spoke on Guilford Historical Society's plans for a Harvest Fair planned for the first Saturday in October. He stated that in the past, it had been a fundraiser for the society, but this year, they wished to hold the fair at their expense as a gift to the town. He invited anyone interested to attend the upcoming meeting on August 22nd at 6:00 pm and offer their ideas. They are planning a show-and-tell session and hoping to have an antique road show event as part of the Silver Anniversary of the Guilford Historical Society celebration.

9. Manager announced an invitation from the County for officials to attend a workshop on Freedom of Access training to be held sometime in September at the court house, cost to be borne by the County.

10. A letter from the Silver Star Families of America was read requesting the town to make a resolution declaring May 1st "Silver Star Banner Day" in honor of the sacrifices made by the men and women of our community wounded in military action. It was unanimously agreed to make the resolve following a motion by Dexter, seconded by Burdin.

11. By various motions, it was unanimously agreed to grant the following monetary requests to the respective non-profit organizations: Pine Tree Hospice, \$600.00; American Red Cross, \$1513.00; Womancare, \$1500.00; Eastern Agency on Aging, \$1500.00; Community Health and

Counseling Services, \$1200.00; and Piscataquis YMCA, \$1500.00.

12. Manager explained some cemetery issues involving confusion over where bodies were buried, and expressed the need to update maps. A request for replacement of a marker damaged by mowing was denied following a motion from Lander and seconded by Dexter. It was discussed that a precedent should not be established that would assume unknown liabilities and that items placed in a cemetery are done so at the risk of the owners. However, manager was directed to investigate any possible insurance coverage before final determination.

13. An assessors' meeting was held to discuss tree growth penalties, abatement requests, and the Voluntary Farm Support Program.

14. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 9:42 PM.