

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 2, 2008

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:02 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell and guest Carrie Fellows.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Manager announced that the County funded Freedom of Access training would be held on September 9th at the Superior Court House at 7:00 pm.
5. Thank you notes to the town for recent donations made to Pine Tree Hospice and Eastern Agency on Aging were read.
6. Manager gave update on an employee that may miss some time for an injury.
7. Manager detailed recent work by Barry Carleton at the medical building and comments were received on the great appearance following the paint job.
8. Carrie Fellows provided an update on Guilford Historical Society's upcoming Harvest Fair scheduled for October 4th. Plans include free hot dogs, a free spaghetti dinner, an ice cream social and the burying of a time capsule among other events. This celebration of their silver anniversary and all the events will be published beforehand so all will know they are invited.

9. The Annual Leaf Peeper Tour for Guilford's senior citizens has been scheduled for October 9th. The group will be making a trip to Pittston Farms via town sponsored chartered bus and attendees will be responsible for only the cost of their lunch at the farm. They will have a tour of the logging museum, the historic barn and the grounds.

10. Manager announced that a letter had been sent by the code enforcement officer to the property owner of a burned house that is becoming a health hazard stating that it must be cleaned up; 30 days were allowed for a response from the owner.

11. Manager spoke of plans for thirteen mailbox posts to be installed on the new sidewalk along the south side of Elm Street and mentioned that it would make it impossible to maintain the sidewalk during the winter months due to space limitations. He agreed to seek alternatives following approval from the board of selectmen.

12. On a motion from Martell, seconded by Dexter, it was unanimously voted to approve and sign an application for a subsurface waste system.

13. Manager detailed an additionally available insurance coverage for contamination by road salt to private wells and it was voted to take no action, following a motion by Lander with a Burdin second.

14. Under assessor's business, it was voted to grant Marc Guay an abatement of \$4600.00 on a shed and to grant Edward Snide a homestead exemption after a motion was made by Burdin and seconded by Dexter. It was also agreed to remove a parcel belonging to Anne Rojas from tree growth status by rule as the lot was non conforming, at no penalty to the owner.

15. Under other business, Carrie Fellows announced that the Kiwanis Club would not be spearheading the River Festival next year, but a group of volunteers wished to continue the event. A committee is already in place and they would require some seed money and hopefully, raise some funds as in the past for a town project. Kiwanis would still be involved as would the Guilford Historical Society and possibly other groups. The board appreciated the efforts, both past and future of the Kiwanis and the new committee and was glad to see this event continue. The board also discussed attendance issues on the planning board.

16. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:47 PM.