

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 7, 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 and guests Robert Peachey, Josh Hansen, Maged Shahin, Stephanie Gray, and Niki Fortier.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed and correspondence read.

4. Manager noted that most of the plantings and paving have been completed on Elm Street, the lights are scheduled to be placed on Thursday the 9th, and the project should be completed this week.

5. The Guilford Historical Society's Silver Anniversary Harvest fair was a success by all accounts in spite of a very chilly day. A day long offering of food, games, vendor tables, band music, and a cemetery tour was well attended and enjoyed by all.

6. Manager regretfully informed the board that Interface, now True Textiles, has reneged on the former promise of Water Street land donation and that the Samuel's have withdrawn from the project. Thanks to broken promises, the town loses out on a generous offer to build a million dollar community center. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Burdin, to make the Edes building safe, and advised getting bids for its demolition.

7. Manager announced a renewal of the winter parking ban on all streets and roads in Guilford. The ban is from November 1st through May 1st of 2009 and applies from 10:00 at night until 6:00 am.

8. Manager has requested pricing for tile replacement in the carpeted portion of the medical building and will have some electrical issues attended to.

9. The public hearing to consider adoption of the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices was held as posted which changes the maximums for food, shelter and other necessities on an annually adjusted basis. It was moved by Lander and seconded by Dexter to accept the DHHS recommendations and adopt as written. Unanimous.

10. An application from The Covered Bridge Restaurant for an Entertainment Permit to allow for Open Mic Night was read. It was moved and seconded by Lander and Dexter respectively to approve. So voted; unanimous

11. The Town's ton truck is getting old and tired. Manager detailed some pricing and options on a replacement vehicle and was directed to spec and bid a ton truck with dump body and plow.

12. Under assessor's issues, it was voted to deny William D Ebbeling's abatement requests on both properties as submitted. Manager directed to explain that requester may reapply on the garage, as properties are now combined into one lot. Board agreed to set a date to visit the Bearce property before deciding on her abatement request. Manager asked to discuss Corey Littlefield's request, as issue may already be resolved with no action necessary. Niles McBrierty abatement agreed to as equipment has been excised. Supplements for Neil Turner and Adam Bussell tabled for further information.

13. Under other business, Thompson stated that the P.C.H.S. Key Club would like to hold a Homeless Sleep-over at the athletic field on the 18th of October. Issues discussed included need for a burn permit, insurance, and bathroom facilities. Thompson will clear all of the above with the school club advisor. Also under other business, manager directed to order and install a Jake Brake sign on South Main Street. Guests as noted above were asked to express their concerns. They had come to voice complaints about lack of response and action regarding animal noise, loud partying into morning hours, swearing and screaming, squealing tires, trash all over the yards, riding lawnmowers on public roads, and other nuisance and hazard issues. Manager directed to contact Animal Control Officer, Code Enforcement Officer and Piscataquis Sheriff's Office to request they step up patrol and control.

14. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 9:02 PM.