

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 4, 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 Al Hunt, Laurel Hunt, Madeline Schultz, Siefert Shultz, and Brian Woodworth.

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

3. Balance sheets discussed and correspondence read.

4. Manager noted that the plantings and paving have been completed on Elm Street, the lamps are operational, and the completed project has been drawing many favorable comments. As a final touch, 200 bulbs had been planted in the new greenspace.

5. It was noted that the Partnership for Self Reliance Food Pantry had reached its first anniversary. Chairman Thompson invited Al Hunt to offer a few comments, and Al stated that they serve 25 to 35 families each week and have given out over \$40,000.00 in free food this past year, about 75 percent of that to Guilford residents. He thanked the board for their support and was thanked in return for the great job done. Manager also noted that the Methodist Church food cupboard had been operational for over 17 years and was also to be commended.

6. Manager informed the board that prices were obtained from five dealerships and the town was purchasing a 2008 GMC ton truck with a dump body and plow from Hartley's GMC in Newport.

7. The new storage building at the municipal garage lot is coming along nicely; the walls are up and being sheathed and the rafters are scheduled to arrive this week. It should be secure

before winter sets in.

8. It was noted that the State valuation for Guilford had been increased to \$138,550,000.00, an increase of about 18 million dollars, wherein the County had increased overall by 160 million.

9. The board was informed that the town was changing its web presence to a more detailed, yet easier to use format, and the results will be online before the end of the year. The new site will accommodate archived files so that meeting minutes will remain available for much longer than the current three months. Additional links and more information should make the improved site an attractive, useful destination.

10. On a motion from Burdin with a Martell second, it was voted unanimously to support the grant application of the Four Winds Snowmobile Club for snow sled trail construction and maintenance.

11. A letter of resignation from Rachael Davis from the Economic Development Board was read and accepted with regret following a motion by Martell and seconded by Dexter. Manager directed to write a note of thanks for her past services and commitment. Patti Davis was then appointed to fill the vacancy, on a Martell motion with a Dexter second.

12. Snow removal contracts were approved between the Town and Haley Construction reflecting an approximate seven percent increase with no escalator clause for fuel price increases, following a motion by Lander, seconded by Martell. Manager noted that this amount was within the budget projected last February.

13. Under assessor's issues, it was noted that the County Commissioners had voted to deny the abatement request of William Ebbeling; manager was given direction in the disposition of tax acquired property that became the town's on November 3rd; and manager was requested to schedule discussions with competing assessor's agents candidates to determine what service level would be required and the cost of same.

14. Under other business, no concerns were brought to the table.

15. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Dexter, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:07 PM.