

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 2, 2007

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Pete Martell, and guests Carrie Fellows and Sally Pearson.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Recreation committee member Carrie Fellows gave a report on recent meeting of the regional recreation committee. They had met to determine if there would be any advantages to consolidating and coordinating some of the programs currently being offered by the individual towns. There is some objection to certain changes and some agreement in areas where improvement may be possible. The committee has another meeting soon and will report further following that event.

5. Manager stated that the underground duct bank construction on Elm Street was proceeding with the good weather predicted for this week. He had received a letter from OCD informing the town that they would be eligible in the upcoming grant round, to apply for a Housing Assistance grant.

6. It was noted that the SAD #4 Board of Directors had approved a warrant article to issue bonds in the amount of \$608,200.00 through the State of Maine's Revolving Renovation Fund Program, and that there would be an informational meeting for the public on January 17th at 7:00 PM at the Middle School. This would be followed by a district wide referendum vote to be

held on February 6th, 2007

7. On a motion from Martell, seconded by Dexter, it was unanimously voted to renew the liquor license for Drake's Restaurant on Elm Street.

8. Lander requested that the manager attempt to compile all the meeting minutes of the various boards, departments and other public entities and make them available through a link on the town website. Manager agreed to contact the various organizations in this regard.

9. A letter from our insurance providers at Maine Municipal Association was read regarding gaps in our coverage under the current policy due to the existence of incorporation papers for the Guilford Fire Department indicating in some situations they could be viewed as a separate entity. Manager said he had notified the Chief and was expecting to meet with him later to address possible solutions. Burdin inquired as to what the advantages may be for either the Fire Department or the Guilford Memorial Library to be separate entities rather than Municipal Departments, given that there are some obvious disadvantages considering insurance coverage issues. Chairman Thompson stated that this debate has been ongoing for twenty years and the board should plan to address it and come up with a mutually agreeable plan. Manager requested to invite both the Fire Department and the Library to the February selectmen's meeting to discuss this further.

10. There being no further business, Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:13 PM.