

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 8, 2007

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, and Rick Lander, and guests Sally Pearson and Don Ebbeling; Dodie Curtis, Linda Packard, Pat Littlefield, Barbara Reardon and Mary McReavy from the library, and Craig Connery, Michael Carter and Lisa Buker from The Red Maple Inn..
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, to approve minutes of previous meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed. Correspondence read; letter from Villages of Piscataquis read, letter from County Commissioners to M.D.O.T. in support of Elm Street road project read, letter from Superintendent Paul Stearns providing preliminary school budget figures read. Letter from State Planning Office advising that Bowerbank has submitted a Comprehensive Plan for approval read. No action taken.
4. Library trustees discussed hours and benefits for current staff. It was agreed to complete the payroll and insurance changeover effective July 1, at the beginning of the third quarter. Trustees signed the deed conveying the trustees portion of the property to the town. Burdin moved that there be no downward changes in benefits for library staff in the event of a conflict with the town's personnel policy for this coming year. It was seconded by Dexter and approved unanimously.
5. Manager read letter from the Office of Community Development advising that Guilford had been awarded a Housing Assistance grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 subject to completion of the project development phase.

6. Manager advised that a new John Deere front end loader had been purchased from Nortrax after going through the bid process and that it had been delivered.

7. Manager noted that the workers compensation policy audit had been revised with a savings of over a thousand dollars.

8. Manager spoke of his attendance at the Risk Management seminar sponsored by the National League of Cities as part of the Maine Municipal Association contingent in Florida.

9. An advertised Public Hearing was held for a liquor license application for the Red Maple Inn. Upon a motion from Lander and a second by Burdin, the motion was approved unanimously.

10. James Drinkwater was appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Board to fill the existing vacancy following a motion by Dexter, seconded by Burdin. Unanimous.

11. Manager detailed the sharp increase in paving costs and its affect on current plans. It was suggested that the manager determine what could be accomplished with a one million dollar road building borrowing program.

12. Following the Abaris Club's request for one months' rental of a port-a-potty for \$85.00, the request was granted on a unanimous vote on a motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter.

13. Manager noted that Guilford had received the Gold Heartsafe Award for its compliance with heart safety training and education protocols, including automatic external defibrillator use.

14. The assessor's issues were postponed to a separate meeting to be held May 15 at 7:00 PM in the selectmen's office.

15. There being no further business, Lander moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Burdin, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:07 PM.