

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 10, 2007

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 Paul Herrick, Joni Slamm, Laurel and Al Hunt, Sally Pearson, and Fran Emmons of the Piscataquis Observer.
  
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, to approve minutes of previous meeting. Unanimous.
  
3. Balance sheets distributed. No action taken.
  
4. Read thank you note letter from Tim's Cove Association regarding work done on the Sebec Shores Road by the town.
  
5. Sad #4 assessment to the Town of Guilford of \$1,058,454.37 discussed.
  
6. Manager detailed some of the many comments received following the revaluation tax bills. About 77 taxpayers have scheduled appointments to see the assessor, believing their values to be out of line. Many are simply increased to a fair level, but nearly all resulted in a higher cost. The balance between the industrial property and the other property consisting of residential and commercial, has changed from a ratio of 40 to 51 to one of 42 to 58. This is one reason for the boost in taxes for many residential owners.
  
7. Board reminded that the August meeting had been previously re-scheduled for the 14th.

8. Manager circulated a warrant to pay downtown revitalization program invoices from the escrow account maintained for said purpose.

9. Under other business, Dexter asked for an update on the River Festival. Manager noted that a POW-MIA honor roll would be there as well as a traveling display known as Mobile Memories that honored the 343 Vietnam soldiers from Maine who were killed in action. The Garden Club's efforts were recognized and it was noted that the many volunteers that maintain these areas have been a great blessing to this town.

10. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Dexter, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 7:36 PM.