

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 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 Peter Martell, and guests State Senator Doug Smith, Peter Johnson, Fire Chief Mike Nichols, Donald and Eileen Ebbeling, Robert Shaffer, Fran Emmons, and Sally Pearson.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed. No action taken.

4. State Senator Doug Smith addressed the board and stated a willingness to attend any of their meetings should they have a desire to discuss State issues. He expressed sympathy for the loss of Representative Earl Richardson who passed away recently, and then introduced Pete Johnson, a candidate for the vacant seat. Mr. Johnson gave a brief glimpse of his background and experience and told of his hope to address the issues of loss of local control, schools and taxes.

5. Thank you notes read from the following Non-Profits, recipients of town grants for their service programs: Pine Tree Hospice, Piscataquis YMCA, Community Health and Counseling Services, and American Red Cross.

6. Manager announced the annual Leaf-Peepers Tour, a town sponsored recreational activity for our seniors who will be visiting the Stonington area this year. Their trip is scheduled for October 4th.

7. On a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander, the board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Unanimously voted to go into session at 7:43. On a motion from Lander, seconded by Burdin, it was voted to come out of executive session at 7:57. Action taken: On a motion from Dexter with a second from Burdin, it was agreed by the board to amend the personnel policy to state that 35 hours per week constitutes a full time position.

8. A Public Hearing was called as advertised to discuss the adoption of General Assistance Appendices A through C and F. These are the maximums per household and per category that the town will approve in aid. Following a motion from Burdin with a second by Martell, it was unanimously voted to approve the adoption of these appendices as written by DHHS, in compliance with Title 22 MRSA ss 4305 (4) retroactive to October 1, 2007.

9. Chief Nichols announced that the fire department was looking into the purchase of a generator large enough to supply power to the entire town office and fire station building in the event of a catastrophe. He anticipated an initial cost of around \$6,000.00 for a 20kw generator, plus installation costs, and although the department had saved up most of the required amount, they would like some assistance from the town funds. The manager explained that such an assist could be made from one of two sources; the municipal building account or the fire department supplies account, depending on which had a surplus at year end. Chief Nichols will return to the November meeting with exact costs and needs at which time the board will discuss the issue again.

10. Under Assessor's issues, it was unanimously voted to again enter executive session to hear a request for a poverty abatement, (36 MSRA ss. 841), following a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander. Went into executive session at 7:58 and voted out of session at 8:09, on a motion from Lander, seconded by Burdin. Action taken: Abatement denied. Then on a Burdin motion with a second by Lander, it was unanimously agreed that the board would waive the pending foreclosure on this individual. Also under assessors' issues, the board agreed to meet with Mr. Edwards, the Assessor's Agent on October 16th, subject to scheduling.

11. Under New Business, Martell recounted that the Pirate Rec Committee was well coordinated and doing a great job. They have engaged the schools, coaches, many area volunteers and primarily the area youth in expanding opportunities for recreational activities. Thompson mentioned that Carmen Lander, with an assist from Rick, has done a tremendous job at the medical building with plantings.

12. Martell moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Burdin, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:19 PM.