

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 6, 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 Gary Grant, Jeff Libby, Al Hunt and Laurel Hunt.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed. No action taken.

4. Eight thank you notes read from guests that had taken the annual Leaf-Peepers bus tour. The group went to Stonington and also visited the Penobscot Narrows Observatory Tower at the new bridge.

5. Gary Grant brought figures in as requested at a prior meeting as to the costs of a proposed 20kw generator that would supply power to the fire station and municipal building in the event of an emergency. The total figure is \$8125.00 and they are asking for about \$2000.00 to be able to make the purchase and installation. Six thousand dollars of the costs would come from donations that the department already has received. Manager gave the options for funding the additional sum either from the municipal building account or the anticipated surplus in the fire department supplies account, stating he believed the funds would be available at year end. Lander moved that the town provide up to \$2500.00 to accomplish the project. Following a second from Burdin, the motion was voted unanimously.

6. Manager gave an update on recent school consolidation meetings involving two potential units, both of which had been included in two separate letters of intent filed by MSAD#4, and

explained the composition of the two groupings. Nothing has been decided to date and there is much work to be done.

7. Manager explained the impacts of LD 227, a law that permits the return of excise tax credits in the event of a midyear vehicle trade and the towns' ability to grant rebates or maintain them. On a motion from Lander with a second by Dexter, it was unanimously voted to leave the current situation in place with no refunds granted.

8. Manager gave a brief report on the new food pantry in town operated by Al and Laurel Hunt; The Partnership for Self Reliance. Coupled with coaching, classes and mentoring on becoming self reliant, this new program could do a great deal to alleviate hunger and hardship among many area families. Currently operating from a mobile unit, they are hoping to obtain a permanent location. Their next date to be open is November 14th, followed by November 28th. They will also be holding a Turkey Drive on November 18th from Noon to 4:00 pm at the IGA Store in Guilford. Chairman Thompson thanked the Hunts for their service to the community in this effort.

9. Under Assessor's issues, manager detailed that two properties are now owned by the town due to the automatic foreclosure provision in unpaid tax liens dating to 2005 property taxes, one a vacant lot, the other an occupied dwelling. Following a motion from Martell, seconded by Lander, it was decided to explore options of disposal regarding the vacant lot. On a motion by Burdin with a second from Dexter, it was agreed to have the manager investigate the situation of the dwelling further before proceeding with municipal occupancy to best determine resolution in this case.

10. Under New Business, Martell explained that the medical building storage shed had its door broken and subsequently repaired by the town crew. Dexter told of how the town crew had given the school an assist with the rebuilding of the baseball diamond infield at the town athletic field.

11. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Lander, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:17 PM.