

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 4, 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 Linda Packard, Al Hunt and Laurel Hunt.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed. Discussion on discrepancy in Fire Department equipment accounts. Manager will resolve.

4. Note from Mary Johnston read complimenting cemetery appearance.

5. Letter from Christopher Rice read thanking selectmen for viewing his property and granting the requested abatement. He expressed satisfaction for fair and considerate treatment.

6. Letter from Scott Roach read complaining about sanitary conditions neighboring his property created by neighbor's clientele.

7. Letter from Piscataquis County Commissioners read which found for the town in abatement hearing case in Debbie Pettigrew v. Town of Guilford

8. Linda Packard, town librarian spoke and detailed upcoming library budget meeting and some

concerns; primarily need for replacement cellar windows and snow shoveling. Manager stated that his crew would seal up the windows for the winter and that he could find a shoveler for their sidewalks.

9. Manager gave update on RPC (regional Planning Committee) work, explaining that SAD#4, SAD#46, Harmony and Willimantic had all voted independently to authorize the superintendents to submit a plan by the Department of Education's December 1st deadline for the proposed new school unit.

10. Manager presented 2007-2008 snow plowing contracts arranged between the town and Haley Construction for signatures at the same rates as the previous year. On a motion from Burdin with a second from Martell, the vote was unanimous to accept the contracts and they were signed by the board members.

11. Trapper's Pub had forwarded a request to renew their liquor license, but it was withdrawn as the pub is closing on December 6th. No action taken.

12. Under Assessor's issues, the board agreed to grant an abatement as presented by Edwards for Jennifer Gamblin following a unanimous vote on a motion from Lander with a Burdin second. Manager discussed his meeting with the owners of a property that had been acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes and a plan was accepted to grant them time to pay the entire outstanding balance by February 29th. Manager to ensure that property and liability coverage is in place through the MMA policy to protect the town's interests.

13. Under Other Business, Thompson asked Al Hunt to say a few words about his food pantry and the recent turkey drive. Mr. Hunt stated that they were very gratified to have received so much community support in this effort and that they had exceeded their modest goals. He stated that they now are serving 35 families and they expect that number to increase sharply in the next month. He also stated that it was too bad that the need is so great but at the same time, very good that are able to meet it. He further elaborated that they are hoping to find a permanent home rather than remaining a "mobile food pantry," and their present need is for \$750.00 in funding to obtain 501©3 certification which would allow them access to several grants and USDA surplus food. Also under other business, it was decided that Martell would set a date and call a meeting of the Medical Building Committee to inspect and discuss some carpet replacement at the building. A motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter resulted in a meeting date change for the January Selectmen's meeting; it will be held at the regular time and

place on January 8th, rather than on the 1st.

14. Burdin moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second by Dexter, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:46 PM.