

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 3, 2006

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, Peter Martell and guests, Don Ebbeling and Sally Pearson.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Letter from Wellington Selectmen read opposing GenPower facility in Athens.

5. Read Thank You note from Guilford Motor Company regarding purchase of ton truck.

6. Annual report from HAD #4 distributed.

7. Bid results for tax acquired property presented. Bids were opened at 4:03 pm by manager with Joyce Burton and Michelle Nichols as witnesses. Six bids received and all were qualified. Offers ranged from \$2500.00 to \$15,500.00. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Lander, it was unanimously agreed to accept the high bid of \$15,500.00 from Shirley Johnson. Manager directed to arrange for purchase and sale agreement and closing.

8. Manager announced that James Chastenay agreed to sell the Braeburn lot to the town, accepting the prior offer. Paperwork is in progress.

9. Discussed alcohol and drug policy for municipal buildings. Manager attempting to tailor a reasonable policy with MMA and to determine other towns current policy provisions for consideration.

10. Manager reported on Temp-Cart Real Estate Partnership's proposed gift to the town of land on Water Street including the basketball court and the open space between the sanitary district's land and the intersection of Water and River Streets.

11. Annual Budget Committee meeting date changed from February 6 to February 13 in order that it follow the February Selectmen's meeting.

12. Second call for warrant articles given. If selectmen wish to have any articles not presently contemplated to appear on the March warrant, they need to have them turned in prior to budget meeting.

13. Manager reported that one employee out due to an off premises slip and fall injury that was not work related. He is expected to return within two weeks.

14. The slate of officers for the coming year presented by the Fire Department was approved on a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander. Unanimous.

15. It was reported that the committee for the next Piscataquis River Festival would be holding its first meeting on January 16th at 6:00 pm at the Community Fitness Center, for those wishing to attend.

16. A holding tank application for Gary Fountain was approved on a motion from Martell, seconded by Burdin. Unanimous.

17. Family feud on Glass Hill Road discussed. This office is getting many phone calls per day requesting assistance with an ongoing dispute. Parties have been advised by manager and code officer to remain calm and to wait for their court date for resolution as it is a civil matter beyond the scope of town authority.

18. It was reported that the County Commissioners held for the town in the abatement hearing held December 6, 2005. Abatement denied.

19. Under other business, it was reported by Martell that the medical building needed a replacement door and a contractor was coming to quote the job. Expected cost is about \$3000.00. Don Ebbeling asked how many of the current assessors were certified as assessors. The answer is none.

20. A motion to adjourn by Dexter, and seconded by Burdin was unanimous. Adjourned at 8:03 pm.