

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 7, 2006

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell, and guests, Rhonda Welcome, Don Ebbeling, Mike Nichols, Tom Iverson, Debbie Pettigrew, Robert Littlefield, and Sally Pearson. Kent Burdin arrived later.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter, to approve minutes of previous meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.

Debbie Pettigrew, Co-first selectperson from Willimantic requested that Guilford consider a fire protection contract to cover their town since their current provider has increased the cost by what she felt was a disproportionate amount. The population of Willimantic is 135 year round residents and they have had two fire calls in the last five years, with an annual average of EMS calls of five. Bill asked when she needed an answer and she asked that it be before May first. Manager said Fire Department officers and select board would discuss this and get back to her.

Tom Iverson, EMA Director gave a brief overview of his program. His office is responsible to help with planning and grants for natural disasters, homeland security issues, Haz-mat training, shelter location, and as a support system for municipal EMA officers. He spoke about NIMS, the National Incident Management System and coming requirements.

4. A letter from Abaris Club was read asking what, if any, recognition could be done for those in whose name memorial gifts were given, at the renewed Don Osborne Playground. The chair suggested a policy be developed and a reply be given following the March meeting.

5. Manager reported that the tax acquired property sale had been completed; money received and deed recorded.

6. The Braeburn lot sale is still in progress. We have been told that the judge has approved the sale and we are awaiting the appropriate paperwork.

7. An annual Septage Disposal Contract with Patterson Brothers was approved at the same rate as last year, \$700.00.

8. An alcohol and drug policy was presented for approval and was accepted on a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander. Unanimous.

9. The board was reminded of the February 13th budget committee meeting.

10. Selectmen were again asked if they had any articles they wished to appear on the March 20th warrant.

11. Culvert Policy presented and adopted on motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter. Unanimous

12. Manager discussed CDBG Housing Assistance Grant application. The board approved attempting this grant on a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander. Unanimous.

13. Solid waste disposal contract for three years with Mid-Maine Solid Waste Association presented for acceptance. Lander moved to accept, seconded by Dexter. Unanimous.

14. Three renewal applications presented; Drake's Restaurant, Covered Bridge Restaurant, and Piscataquis Country Club. Moved by Martell, seconded by Dexter to approve all three.

Unanimous.

15. Junkyard permit from Lyle Cookson reviewed. Moved by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve. Unanimous.

16. Piscataquis County tax warrant and return discussed. Signed as presented.

17. Employee wages discussed. On a motion from Dexter, seconded by Lander to enter into executive session as per MSRA ss 405 (6) (A)&(D) for personnel matters, the board went into executive session at 8:12 pm. Session ended at 8:41 pm on a motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter. Board agreed to establish a review policy and recommended \$.50 per hour increase for all hourly employees and an annual increase of \$1500.00 for the manager.

18. Board recommended moving the balances in the Solid Waste equipment account and the Sand Shed account to Assessing and Surplus accounts, respectively.

19. Manager presented 2006-2007 annual budget for review and acceptance.

20. Delinquent property tax penalty set at 11 per cent on a motion from Burdin, seconded by Dexter. Unanimous.

21. Manager explained necessity and method of tax cap override article for warrant should the adopted budget exceed the LD 1 tax cap.

22. Under other business, Martell reported that he had received a proposal to repair the entrance door at the medical building for \$350.00. It was agreed to proceed with repairs rather than replacement at this time.

23. A motion to adjourn by Burdin, and seconded by Dexter was unanimous. Adjourned at 10:57 pm.