

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 1, 2006

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and guests Rhonda Welcome, Robert Shaffer, Zarvin Shaffer and Darius, Al Hunt, Laurel Hunt, Paul Curtis, Robert Elliott, Tony Davis, Patti Davis, Judy Folsom, Carrie Fellows, and Fran Emmons from The Piscataquis Observer.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. A letter from P.C.H.S. valedictorian, Claire Cook was read expressing thanks for the Harry Davis scholarship she received.

5. Judy Folsom gave a brief report on the Piscataquis River Festival stating that although the Friday evening cruise-in was a rain out, the weekend was by and large a still very successful. As before, the group learned more things and gained more experience for an even better weekend next summer. She also reported that the W.G. Blake's Agency sponsored Duck Race went well with proceeds of \$1300.00 being turned over to the Skate Park project from that event.

6. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Dexter, it was unanimously voted to grant the following sums to various non-profit groups: Eastern Area on Aging, \$1000.00; Community Counseling Center, \$1200.00; Red Cross, \$1513.00; Pine Tree Hospice, \$600.00; and WomanCare, \$1500.00.

7. Manager gave a brief explanation of the proposed recreation committee and a motion from Burdin, seconded by Lander resulted in the unanimous selection of Selectman Martell, Paul Stearns, and Carrie Fellows as members of this committee. Burdin mentioned that the lights at the basketball court needed attention and asked if the ball diamond area could be spruced up. Mike Dexter will address this issue and report back to the manager.

8. Chairman Thompson reiterated the results of the special town meeting regarding the disposition of the Edes building and asked the manager to explain the RFP process which he did, explaining that the anonymous offer to purchase the building may be considered one of the bids when the time comes. Robert Shaffer said that this building has a replacement cost of 1.4 million dollars that the town would have as an asset should it be restored, although it would be non-taxable. After further explanation, Dexter moved to request the Economic Development Board to continue their work and write up the RFP at a meeting attended jointly by the selectmen, for publication. The motion was seconded by Burdin and passed unanimously.

9. Manager reported that the medical building needs some modifications. Thompson said the building committee would call a meeting to accomplish this.

10. Manager announced a planned meeting at the D. O. T. garage on Wednesday morning to wrap up the Route 15 project and discuss any remaining issues.

11. Burdin moved to accept proposed Piscataquis County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Following a second from Lander, the plan was unanimously accepted and signed by the board members.

12. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Dexter, it was voted unanimously to send in a ballot for John Simko and Eugene Conlogue as district 27 members of the Legislative Policy Committee of the Maine Municipal Association. It was further decided, upon a motion from Lander with a Burdin second, to support the slate of officers for MMA as proposed by its nominating committee.

13. The U R I P certification form was signed by the board as required. This states that the town will use these State funds for capital improvements to our local roads.

14. Dexter moved to assist Kingsbury Plantation by maintaining their voter list on the HAVA computer. Seconded by Burdin and approved unanimously.

15. A letter from Superintendent Paul Stearns informed that Lorna Marshall had resigned from the school board. The manager reminded the board that Geraldine Rizzitello had voluntarily stepped down from this board when the number of directors from Guilford has been reduced by formula and recommended appointing her to fill this opening. So voted following a motion from Lander, seconded by Burdin.

16. On a motion by Lander with a second from Burdin, Brad Deane and Mike Dexter were appointed to the special School Funding Committee.

17. Manager announced that Lynn Anderson's spot on the economic Development Board had not been filled. Dexter moved to appoint Carrie Fellows and Lander seconded the motion. Unanimous. Thompson requested the manager to prepare a letter of appreciation to both Lynn and Harry Anderson for their many hours of labor on the town's behalf from working on the Melvin Park, to the Welcome signs and all the various committee work they have done and their willingness to work to bring positive changes and improve community spirit.

18. Chairman Thompson called an assessor's meeting for August 8, 2006 to discuss several assessing issues.

19. No other business brought before the board.

20. A motion to adjourn by Burdin and seconded by Lander was unanimous. Adjourned at 8:07 pm.