

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 5, 2006

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 Robert Shaffer, Zarvin Shaffer, Judy Folsom, Carrie Fellows, Sheila Thompson, Joni Slamm, Rachael Davis, Roberta Thomas, Richard Thomas, Brad Sletterlink and Kacy Smith of A&D Investments LLC, and Sally Pearson.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

Chairman Thompson then opened the public hearing to discuss the pending application for a liquor license for "Trapper's", a proposed Sports Bar planned for 7 Elm Street. Manager read the application and Thompson asked for comments or questions. Dexter inquired as to theme for the establishment and Sletterlink explained the plans for televisions, tables, bar stools with a total capacity of 30 guests; there will be no dance floor. The intent is to provide a place to watch sports events in a lounge atmosphere. Thompson asked if parking issues had been considered and Sletterlink expressed that he felt there would be adequate parking during his proposed business hours. The hearing adjourned at 7:12 pm.

4. A letter from Maine Municipal Association was read detailing a dividend of \$2358.00 that the town received for a favorable loss ratio regarding insurance claims.

5. Thank you notes from the American Red Cross and Pine Tree Hospice were read regarding contributions made to their respective organizations from the town.

6. The discussion on the RFP's for the Water Street area were pended until later in the meeting as the hour was early and the full Economic Development Board was not yet present. Joni Slamm, Board Chair explained the RFP placed before the Selectmen for consideration. She stated that it was purposefully broad and open rather than narrowed down, to facilitate creativity; her group had decided to foster innovation. Lander said he felt the board had done an excellent job in preparing the document. Burdin moved and Martell seconded a motion to approve the RFP as presented. Unanimous.

7. Manager gave an update on the cemeteries; for less than \$900.00, high school seniors were hired to attend to and repair the sunken graves at Elmwood and Lawn Cemeteries. Nearly 60 of them have been renewed and the results met expectations.

8. Manager gave an update on the 23 culverts being replaced. Over two thirds of them are done, and while there have been a few complaints about the bumps left in the roads from the process, people are told that this condition is temporary and all are glad to have the repairs being done.

9. Manager announced that the Fire Departments' new tank truck, a 2006 International with 2500 gallon capacity, was in service. The total cost of the unit was \$203,827.00 at a cost to the town of only \$33,187.00, thanks to the Homeland Security Grant that the Department had applied for successfully.

10. Manager also announced that the new Police Cruiser was in service and that although the bills were not all received for adding lights, radio, and so on, it would be under budget. The new vehicle is a 2006 Ford Explorer purchased via bid from Prouty Ford in Dover-Foxcroft at a base price of \$23,919.00. Officer Alan Emerson brought the vehicle by for the board to view.

11. The pending liquor license application from the above hearing was brought before the board for a vote. On a motion from Lander with a second from Dexter, the application was unanimously approved.

12. Manager reported he had been checking prices for a replacement bucket loader and would

discuss going out to bid on this item after further budget review.

13. Manager detailed three salt bids and told the board that 60 tons of salt were purchased at a lower price than last year.

14. Thompson announced an assessors' meeting to be held Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm to deal with abatements and supplements.

15. Under Other Business, Dexter inquired as to the missing street signs from the route 15 project and Burdin inquired as to some missing survey markers from various abutting properties. Manager agreed to check into this matter with the local division of M. D. O. T.

16. Burdin moved that the meeting be adjourned with a second from Martell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.