

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 3, 2006

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, and Rick Lander, and guests Charles Runnels and Michael Nichols.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

Guest Michael Nichols, Guilford Fire Chief, made a request that the board recognize the work of one of his firemen. The board agreed to do this with a presentation planned for a later date. Charles Runnels then introduced himself as a write-in candidate for County Commissioner in the November election. He outlined his qualifications and experience, gave a few examples of issues on which he held opinions, and then answered questions from the board.

4. A letter from Maine Municipal Association was read announcing that Guilford received an award for excellence (third place,) in the Municipal Report competition. A framed award accompanied the letter.

5. Thank you note from the Community Health and Counseling Services was read regarding the contribution from the town.

6. A report from the Recreation Director, Mr. Joe Gallant, was read. It was felt that he did a

great job taking over and operating Guilford's program.

7. A letter from the Trustees of Guilford Memorial Library was read requesting the interim appointment of Janie Lander to fill a current vacancy on the board for the remainder of the year. On a motion from Burdin, seconded by Dexter, Mrs. Lander was appointed.

8. The board unanimously agreed to loan the Four Winds Snowmobile Club the sum of \$30,000.00 to replace their groomer with a three year note at six per cent annual interest on a motion from Burdin, seconded by Dexter.

9. Manager read a proposal and request from Brydie Armstrong asking that the town act as fiscal sponsor for a Maine Community Foundation grant for a therapeutic Riding program. It was decided to allow the Town of Sangerville an opportunity to participate since the request came from Sangerville. Manager directed to determine if any of the probable students are Guilford residents.

10. Manager reported that a request had been received for a Waiver of Foreclosure from a taxpayer. Lander moved that the board go into executive session as per 1 MRSA ss 405 (6) (C) for the purpose of discussing a waiver request. Unanimous; in executive session at 7:37 pm. On a motion from Burdin with a second from Lander, the board exited the executive session at 7:42 pm. Following a motion from Dexter with a second from Burdin, the board voted unanimously to deny the request.

11. Manager announced that the recent assessment review noted that the town achieved an average of 83% with a quality rating of 18. Lander noted that this was an improvement in all areas.

12. Manager distributed an invitation to a Taxpayer Bill of Rights meeting and explained where Guilford would be today if TABOR had been in effect the past ten years. Following the proposal over the past ten years would have reduced the 2005 municipal commitment of \$500,512.00 to \$268,293.00, or a 46% reduction in services enjoyed today.

13. Assessor's issues delayed until after the selectmen meeting.

14. No Other Business brought before the board.

15. Burdin moved that the meeting be adjourned with a second from Lander. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.