

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 4, 2005

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, Linda Packard, Dolores Curtis, and Alvin MacDonald representing the library, and Donald Ebbeling.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, to approve minutes of previous meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Manager reported that the note held by the town on the so-called Merrill house was paid in full and presented a Mortgage Discharge. On a motion from Lander, seconded by Burdin, it was agreed to sign the discharge. Unanimous.

Chairman asked for motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issue. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to do so. Unanimous. Began at 8:10pm. Out of executive session at 8:23pm.

5. It was decided to take no action on the issue; motion by Burdin, seconded by Dexter.
6. Martell mentioned that Barry Carleton would begin painting the medical building this week. Dexter said he was waiting for his supplier to give him names of installers for the flooring project.
7. Linda Packard spoke on the possibilities of the Library becoming a Department of the Town

of Guilford. She felt there were two ways to do this, one where the town manager ran the entire show, or one where the board of Trustees had some governing ability. Manager opined that both entities claiming 503c status may present a legal problem, and further offered that if the town owned the library, it would rely on the trustee board but have the ultimate decision. He and Linda agreed to do further research and prepare an article for the warrant if the trustees came to an agreement. Burdin asked if doing so would change the projected budget and was told no. The Library people will return at the February selectmen meeting to make a final decision.

8. Fire Department Officers names were presented for approval and appointment as was Registrar of Voters. Moved by Burdin and seconded by Dexter to appoint the fire officers as presented and to appoint Michelle Nichols as registrar. Unanimous.

9. Motion by Burdin, second by Lander to advertise and hold public hearing for a liquor license for Drake's Restaurant at the February 1, 2005 selectmen's meeting. Unanimous.

10. Salary and wage increases of 2, 3, and 4 percent for town employees were distributed for the selectmen to review for the February meeting.

11. Manager questioned the town's membership with PVCOG and agreed to gather facts before deciding whether to belong further or drop out.

12. Manager again asked for articles from the board for the March warrant, should they have any issues or changes contemplated.

13. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Lander to adjourn; unanimous; adjourned at 8:29 pm