

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 1, 2005

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 Donald Ebbeling, Shannon Hersey and Sally Pearson.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed. Went into Public Hearing and returned.

4. Manager explained that MMA legal services advised that the Attorney General would need to be consulted and a transfer of assets from the cemetery to the town would likely require a court proceeding due to trust fund involvement and the fact that the original articles of incorporation did not contain a method of dissolution.

5. Motion by Lander, seconded by Martell to place an article on the warrant to change the selection process for the town clerk position from elected to appointed. Unanimous.

6. Motion by Martell, seconded by Dexter to accept the Septage Disposal Contract from Patterson Brothers.

7. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to give hourly personnel a fifty cent per hour raise. Unanimous. Motion by Lander to do the same for the manager; failed for lack of a second. Motion made by Martell, seconded by Dexter to give manager three and one half percent increase. Unanimous.

8. Manager explained that PVCOG not joined this year.

9. Thompson stated that Library was going to maintain the status quo and remain independent for now.

10. Correspondence read from Greenville Town Office; an invitation to their open house. Also read a thank you note from the Thompson family for remembering them in their time of loss.

11. Motion by Lander, seconded by Dexter to recommend the delinquent tax interest rate be 7.75 per annum, the state maximum. Article to be placed on warrant as usual.

12. Manager explained requirements for the board to enter into executive session as there have been several articles dealing with the subject of late.

13. Manager related that Maine Community Foundation was going to send a package detailing how they could help us with the investment of various trust funds the town holds. All of the current funds are so small as to cost more in handling than they produce in interest.

14. Manager explained problems moving toward GASB 34 compliance and integrating the new accounting package from TRIO. Chart of accounts to be rewritten and data to be transferred when this is finalized.

15. The board went through the annual budget and made recommendations by line for presentation to the budget committee on February 7th.

16. Next to last call for warrant articles; none offered.

17. Under other business, Martell said painting nearly finished at the medical building. Dexter

said he had not heard from the flooring contractor to date.

18. Moved by Lander, seconded by Dexter to adjourn; unanimous; adjourned at 8:52 pm.