

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 3, 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 several guests representing the interests of all terrain vehicle riders.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed. Thompson announced industry meeting times for annual assessment updates.

4. Manager read elements of the proposed drug and alcohol policy as requested by the town insurance carrier concerning town employees and firemen.

5. The new Sterling Dump Truck is now at the municipal garage.

6. The Trash Truck has been sold to Huff Disposal Service of Harmony after no reasonable bids were received through the bid process. It had been advertised in the Bangor Daily News and the Maine Townsman and letters were sent requesting offers to all area trash companies.

7. Andrea Gilbert, on behalf of area ATV users, requested that the town reconsider opening Butter Street and the Applebee Hill Road to ATV traffic as there is no suitable alternative trail. She cited numbers of visitors to her store and to the Covered Bridge Motel as an economic benefit of allowing this use and thus maintaining a trail from Newport to Greenville. She also requested a public forum that would lead to a vote being taken on this issue and presented a list of signatures of residents of these streets who were in favor of opening the roads. Dorothy and Herb Flint spoke in opposition, citing danger, speed, noise, hours of operation, disrespect, being

awakened at night and lack of economic benefit in their opinion as reasons to leave these roads closed. Melissa Stearns agreed with Flint's assessment and said this was an accident waiting to happen. It was pointed out that Sheriff Goggin had spoken to the manager earlier against this use as well. Jim Lane, an officer with a state-wide ATV organization spoke of the need to work out a trail plan and quoted numbers of machines, registrations, and dollars spent in Maine and this area, as well as on the need for legislation to help with the continuity problem. Dexter reminded that the roads had been opened on a temporary basis and nobody had contemplated the actual high volume of usage, again with safety being a major concern. It was agreed to revisit this issue at the June 7th selectmen's meeting.

8. Manager announced intentions of town clerk to purchase calendar stickers to remind residents to license their dogs.

9. It was moved by Burdin, seconded by Martell to accept the Oil Bid from A. E. Robinson's presented to the local purchasing group. Unanimous.

10. A return premium of \$458.00 was received following an audit of our Workers' Compensation policy. No action required.

11. Manager announced that Ben Stearns would be returning to head up the summer recreation program and that Tracey Dewey would also be returning to assist. It was agreed that some new equipment was needed by the Peewee group.

12. Under assessors' issues, two Veterans' exemptions were granted, two Homestead exemptions were denied pending further evidence, and the Declared Certified Ratio of 100% was claimed.

13. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Lander to adjourn; unanimous; adjourned at 8:46 pm.