

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 7, 2005

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, and Rick Lander. Guests were Sally Pearson, resident; Andrea Gilbert, Arthur Watson, Susan Charette, Richard pike and James Lane representing ATV interests; and Paul Ruksznis and Duane Huff representing Elmwood Cemetery Corporation.

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

3. Balance sheets distributed.

4. Read request from Abaris Club for town to pay one month rental on Port-a-potty at the athletic complex, \$80.00. Moved by Lander, seconded by Burdin to do so. Unanimous.

5. Read request from American Red Cross asking for donation to be made now, as summer is a needy time for them. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Lander to send them \$700.00. Unanimous.

6. Distributed Summary findings developed by Standard and Poor naming M.S.A.D. #4 one of Maine's outperforming school districts.

7. Paul Ruksznis spoke on behalf of Elmwood Cemetery Corporation. He explained that the corporation had voted to turn their assets over to the town as they were no longer able to maintain their cemeteries. This involves records, trust funds, and real estate and encompasses two cemeteries, Lawn and Elmwood. Manager explained remaining steps in this process: town would be required to formally accept these assets, the State Attorney General would need to accept the petition to transfer the trust funds to the town, and then the corporation could dissolve. This vote will be taken at the next regularly scheduled town meeting unless a special

meeting is called in the interim.

8. Andrea Gilbert asked if the board had reconsidered opening Butter Street and Applebee Hill Road to ATV traffic. Chair stated that this meeting was intended to continue the dialogue from the prior meeting and that no decision had been made. Andrea added information about ATV users taking wrong turns and ending up on private property, often lost as to which way they could go next. Lander mentioned that signs had been placed to assist in this. Arthur Watson spoke of trying to locate an alternate route that would lead from the Academy in Dover, proceed out the Dawes Road, Gray Hill Road, travel near Sebec Lake in the Guilford Mountain/ Tim's Cove area. Continue to the Bates Road in Abbot and on to the Howard Siding Road. It was mentioned that several private landowners are involved and would need to agree. After more discussion, Lander moved to open Butter Street, Burdin seconded the motion. It was pointed out that if Butter Street were opened, there is still no certain trail leading to or away from either end, at this time. It was suggested that the group contact various landowners and propose an alternative trail as the motion was defeated 2-1.

9. The 2004 audit was presented in final form for review. No action required.

10. Residents of Alice & Loring Drive requested that the town take over winter plowing of said roadway. It was determined that a town cannot legally plow a private road and that the public would need to vote to accept this as a town way. There was recollection that when the subdivision was planned that the town had agreed to consider this action if the road were built to town specifications, including a paved surface. It is currently graveled. It was suggested that the association contact the town's contractor to ascertain whether or not he would plow this road for them at the town rate per mile during his rounds.

11. On a motion from Burdin with a second from Dexter, it was voted to approve the Animal Control warrant authorizing the prosecution of owners of unlicensed dogs. Unanimous.

12. Manager detailed plans to obtain part time summer help at hourly rates.

13. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Dexter to approve junkyard permit for Lyle Cookson. Unanimous.

14. Assessing consistency and issues were discussed with the assessors agreeing to meet after the school budget meeting on June 14th.

15. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Dexter to adjourn; unanimous; adjourned at 9:26 pm.