

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 2, 2005

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:31 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell, and guests, Sally Pearson, Don Ebbeling, Robert Littlefield, George Mueller and Jere White from the YMCA, and Dianna Bowley from Bangor Daily News.
  
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, to approve minutes of previous meeting. Unanimous.
  
3. Balance sheets distributed.
  
4. Correspondence read; Thank You note from Abaris Club for donation.
  
5. Thank you cards from Melissa Lutz and Amy Knowlton for scholarship funds.
  
6. Moosehead Cable notice of increase in cable rates of one dollar and addition of ESPN2 to programming.
  
7. A letter of bequest from Kay Moody's estate granting the town \$5,000.00 for beautification of the town. A motion made by Lander and seconded by Martell to accept the fund was approved. Unanimous.
  
8. Manager gave a brief report on the recently held Piscataquis River Festival, expressing gratitude to the Guilford Area Kiwanis Club and all the other groups and individuals who made it such a success.

9. Manager reported that the new playground was open and being utilized by many, again expressing thanks to the Abaris Club and the many other groups for their efforts.

10. Manager reported that the school warrant had been received and Guilford's share this school year would be \$958,736.52. Also read a letter sent to Abbot taxpayers requesting support from their residents to amend the funding formula to their benefit as they feel they are paying too much.

11. Service Program allotments were discussed. Jere White spoke on behalf of the YMCA, requesting \$2,000.00. After discussion, it was moved by Burdin and seconded by Dexter to approve the following amounts: Counseling Center, \$1200.00; Eastern Area on Aging, \$1,000.00; Soil Conservation Service, \$750.00; Womancare, \$1500.00; Hospice, \$600.00. It was also noted that the Red Cross had been previously granted \$700.00. Unanimous. Motion by Burdin, seconded by Lander to allot the YMCA \$2,000.00. This motion passed with a 3-2 majority.

12. It was announced that the special town meeting would be held on August 11, 2005 at the Fire Meeting Room.

13. Selectmen agreed to support the proposed list of officers for the Maine Municipal Association as presented.

14. Selectmen signed the agreement with the State of Maine regarding voter registration computer and software for the new HAVA (Help America Vote) program.

15. Discussed accident insurance for volunteers and agreed to revisit at budget time next February.

16. It was announced that the Maine Employees Health Trust has been changed to Anthem Blue Cross for all programs.

17. Assessors discussed some abatement requests to resolve errors and answered many questions posed by Don Ebbeling.

18. Under other business it was announced that the Guilford Fire Department appears to have been successful in acquiring a grant for \$180,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck. Dexter reported that the Medical Building flooring job should be done about August 15th.

19. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Lander to adjourn; unanimous; adjourned at 9:10 pm.