

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 6, 2005

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, Peter Martell and guest, Don Ebbeling.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, to approve minutes of previous meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Read Thank You note from Linda Packard for flowers.
5. Thank you note from Methodist Church for contribution to town clock tower painting read.
6. Playground grant closed out; reimbursement from LWCF should be here this month.
7. Manager announced that the County did not qualify as a disaster area from the summers severe storms and that no monies would be forthcoming.
8. Joe Guyotte has been appointed to the Animal Control officer position.
9. Discussed recently acquired tax property and offer from third party to pay the back taxes. Selectmen declined as the offer was from a third party. Advised manager to proceed with bid process.

10. Key Bank National, through the Guilford branch of Key Bank, has donated to the town the building formerly owned by Mothers of Maine on Water Street. Manager explained that our annual warrant provides that we may accept this offer and that the selectmen had previously agreed to do so if it became available.

11. Manager reported that the town had purchased a 1997 one ton truck to use for plowing and eventually some of the sanding duties from Guilford Motor Co. The last storm required hiring additional equipment due to a breakdown and we have just the one unit.

12. Moosehead cable reported a \$.50 increase in their monthly rates effective January of 2006.

13. Trio Software announced a 17% increase in their licensing fees. The town currently uses several of their programs such as tax billing and excise calculating.

14. Manager reported that the health insurance program would be increasing by 9.05%.

15. Manager reported that the county tax assessment would be increasing about 4%.

16. It was reported that a rabies clinic would be offered at the fire station on Saturday December 10th and that Michelle would be there to license any Guilford dogs that needed to be licensed.

17. Budget committee meeting date was set for February 6th at the Guilford Middle School; 7:00 pm.

18. Manager requested that selectmen consider any articles that they may wish to have on the March warrant.

19. Manager gave brief outline of a SIMPLE IRA plan as an employee benefit for future consideration.

20. Snow plowing contracts with Haley Construction Company were presented showing a 2% increase. Burdin moved that we accept these, seconded by Martell; unanimous.

21. Manager reported on a meeting with the D.O.T. regarding possible reversion to the town of the responsibility for winter maintenance of Hudson Avenue. The State had called a meeting to initiate conversation on this preliminary idea.

22. Under assessors' issues, two abatement hearings were discussed. One was settled prior to the hearing and the other was heard by the county commissioners, decision pending. It was decided not to send out personal property reporting forms this year.

23. Other business. None.

24. A motion to adjourn by Burdin, and seconded by Lander was unanimous. Adjourned at 8:32 pm.