

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 6, 2004

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:55 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell. Guests were Linda Packard and Dolores Curtis representing Guilford Memorial Library.
2. Minutes read and approved. Motion by Lander, seconded by Burdin. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Linda and Dolores presented the library budget for the coming year. Linda requested that the town see what is necessary to include the library within the town's insurance program, including property and casualty as well as workers' compensation coverages. Manager to call MMA and determine requirements.
5. Manager announced that an agreement had been reached with Verizon to install DSL in the town office, to switch the long distance carrier from AT&T to Verizon, and to establish a separate line at the Town Garage.
6. Manager directed to develop a Parking Ordinance with the planning board and to determine enforcement issues and resolutions relative to parking on wrong side of street, particularly at the Post office.
7. It was agreed to have the manager negotiate new contracts for fire protection with the towns of Abbot and Parkman due to expiration of current contracts as of January 31st, 2004 and in light of increased call volume due to emergency medical service call (First Responders.)

8. Proposed Land Use Ordinance put forth for selectmen's' consideration. All appeared acceptable with the exception of the Timber Harvesting segment, the feeling being that Forest Practices Act and Maine Forest Guidelines should apply as opposed to the town getting involved with the specifics and enforcement of these issues.

9. Manager reported that the town would be nominating Interface Fabric Group for an Environmental Merit Award to the EPA.

10. Junkyard application from Roland Cookson Jr. tabled until discussion with code enforcement officer as there are new regulations in this area.

11. On motion from Lander, seconded by Burdin, the selectmen agreed to designate several parking spaces (up to twenty as space allows,) for tenants and businesses on Elm Street, at the entrance to the new Harold K. Melvin Memorial Park. Unanimous.

12. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Lander, to put an article on the warrant for the regular March town meeting to see if the town will appropriate 15,000.00 for engineering and \$20,000.00 for administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the event the pending application for \$400,000.00 is successful. Unanimous.

13. Moved by Dexter, seconded by Martell, that the warrant also contain an article to see if the town would authorize the negotiation for and purchase of the former Braeburn Hotel lot. Unanimous.

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.