

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 2, 2004

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:54 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell.
2. Minutes read and approved. Motion by Lander, seconded by Burdin. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed.
4. Manager announced Public Hearing for Land Use and Parking Ordinances to be held February 18th at the regularly scheduled planning board meeting, at 7:00 pm at the town office.
5. Replacement windows for the selectmen's room, manager's office and radio room have been ordered.
6. Discussed and presented the nomination of Interface Fabrics Group for the Environmental Merit Award that was sent in this week to the EPA.
7. Manager related details of three pending workers' compensation cases resulting from the Trebor Inn fire.
8. Manager read letter from the town attorney regarding tax acquired property. Our attorney feels we have done all the necessary steps prior to the taking. Directed to proceed with securing of the property and bid notices for the sale.

9. Renewed septage disposal contract with Patterson Brothers of Abbot. Moved by Dexter, seconded by Lander. Unanimous.

10. Chairman Thompson signed a Veteran's exemption form for Richard C. Hersey.

11. March 2, 2004 will be the last day that an article can be added to the annual town meeting warrant.

12. Update given on CDBG and Gateway grants. The Gateway and Downtown Revitalization grant applications have been completed and sent in for consideration. The Housing Rehabilitation grant is pending. The Public Infrastructure grant awarded to the Water District had to be town sponsored and may require a good deal of town office effort in managing the funds..

13. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Martell to enter executive session at 8:22 pm. An employees questions regarding continuation of health insurance should he/she retire was discussed. Comments were that a precedent would be set if this were to be done; the job and its benefits are available until retirement age; and it may be hard to explain to the taxpayers that we are spending \$6000.00 per year for a non-employee. Recommendation to not offer the long term health coverage was unanimous. Came out of executive session on a motion from Burdin with a second from Lander at 8:41 pm.

14. Discussed and reviewed 2004-2005 budget recommendations. All items accepted by the selectmen including the fire department services account with the request that the Chief be at the March 2nd selectmen's meeting. Concerns about workers' compensation coverage, OSHA training regulations and minimum wage requirements aired.

15. Under Other Business,

- It was related that the State Treasurer has set the maximum interest rate on overdue property taxes at 6.5 percent.
- A request from the Middle School for recreation program funds of \$500.00 for the 5th grade

ski program was read. Manager directed to determine if funding still required and if so, to award up to \$500.00

- Manager directed to notify members of the Medical Building Committee of a meeting on February 11th at 5:00 pm at the medical building.

16. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.