

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 6, 2004

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell. Also in attendance were guests Mike Nichols, Fire Chief and Ronald Priest.

2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, to approve minutes from last meeting. Unanimous.

3. Balance sheets distributed.

Chief Nichols in attendance at request of the board to answer questions regarding Junior Firefighters program. Mike explained that Guilford Fire Dept. allows very little involvement other than training, hose rolling and general mop-up activities. It is all considered "training" and as such, not governed by minimum wage law. Liability concerns were addressed and manager reported that our policy provides this coverage. Mike to check with Maine Dept. of Labor as to workers' compensation coverage applicability. Dexter suggested waivers signed by parents and the manager agreed to check with MMA. Letter from Hardwood Products Co, LLC read, which came with \$3000.00 donation as grant matching funds.

4. It was reported that both injured firefighters, Zimmerman and Getchell, were back to work.

5. Manager gave update on tax acquired property (one case pending). Moved by Dexter, seconded by Burdin to give the prior owner 30 days to redeem at cost of all owed taxes, fees and applicable charges through 2004 tax year; if mortgage holder wishes to redeem, they must work it out and go through the resident/ prior owner. If not resolved, property will go out for bid. Unanimous.

6. Letter from MDOT on successful Gateways Grant read. Town will receive \$5000.00.

7. Letter from Office of Community Development read rejecting Housing Rehabilitation grant application.

8. Palesky initiative discussed along with budget impact if successful.

9. Motion by Burdin, seconded by Martell to proclaim April 12-18 Community Development Week. Unanimous.

10. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell, to grant veteran's exemption to William Ebbeling. Unanimous.

11. Notice of public meeting April 7 at Guilford Municipal Building regarding Big Bennett Pond access. Dexter believed road closed to maintenance about 1976.

12. Passed out assessor's books. Meeting scheduled for April 13th at 7:00 pm.

13. Letter from Moosehead Cable read regarding rate increase.

14. Manager reported on visit to Hawk Ridge Compost Facility in Unity.

15. Read letter from Dept. of Education accepting MSAD#4's reapportionment application.

16. Update given on County Bond activity; will revisit at June meeting.

17. Update given on proposed county-wide TIF agreement policy; also tabled until June meeting.

18. Burdin moved to enter executive session, seconded by Lander. Unanimous. In at 8:25 PM. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Lander to exit the session at 8:37. Unanimous. NO ACTION TAKEN.

19. Chairman Bill commented that presentation at town meeting done well with clear explanations and communication.

20. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.