

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 19, 2004

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:02 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, and Peter Martell; Peter Neal and Paul Ruksznis from the Elmwood Cemetery Corporation; and guest, Sally Pearson.

2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell, to approve minutes of previous meeting. Unanimous.

3. Manager asked to re-read letter from citizen on ATV usage on Butter Street and Applebee Hill Road. Lander read his reply to said letter. Martell commented that he felt the agreement was to try it out on a temporary basis, subject to complaints or problems. Rick mentioned he felt things were improving. Dexter suggested a town meeting vote and said he'd agree with the letter; that we just did not contemplate that much traffic. Bill said the \$38.00 registration fee should not outweigh the property owners' rights. Martell moved to discontinue ATV use on these roads at the end of November, 2004. Seconded by Dexter. Approved, 4-1.

4. Peter Neal spoke about needing the town to step in on care of the cemeteries. He felt the board would sell everything to the town for one dollar. He is not willing to be in charge anymore and felt the town would be in a better position to oversee the work and workers. It was discussed that the Corporation would need to vote to make this transfer and the town would need to accept it. Motion by Burdin, second by Martell to support this transfer. Unanimous. Manager directed to collaborate with Neal on an article for March meeting, pending the Corporate vote to transfer.

5. Board discussed Piscataquis County Bond; Thompson compared school district per-pupil costs in affected towns within the county. It was significant, he felt, that towns with high education costs want public projects to be paid for by other towns throughout the county. Burdin mentioned that any town could issue a bond if it were necessary and this did not need to be used to expand county control. It is another tax and this town has not asked others to fund our projects, many of which assist the other towns at our expense. Burdin moved that the board not endorse this effort; seconded by Lander; Unanimous.

6. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Dexter to waive foreclosure of the Linda Storer property.

7. Appointments to ballot clerk and counter positions signed.

8. Agreed to close CDBG account at bank as no longer in use.

9. Agreed to abate personal property tax on Kathleen Farrar of \$18.60. Trash truck bid requests posted on MMA website. It was agreed to advertise in the Bangor Daily News and send copies of ads to interested parties.

10. Moved by Burdin, seconded by Dexter to adjourn; adjourned at 8:37 pm.