

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 3, 2011

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Kent Burdin, and Rick Lander and guest Bill Pearson from the Piscataquis Observer.
  
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
  
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
  
4. Letter from J. D. Foundation requesting donation read, agreed to take up the question along with the other non-profit agency requests at August meeting as per tradition.
  
5. An updated draft school budget was received from SAD#4 Superintendent Paul Stearns, and again, the numbers are preliminary as final appropriations for education have not been set by legislature. At this juncture, it appears the 2½% decrease in the budget and the 4.8% decrease in subsidy, coupled with Guilford's reduced valuation should result in nearly level funding for the coming school year.
  
6. Manager suggested that the dedication of the C.H.Lightbody Medical Center would be held June 4th, if all plans came together. The completion of the sign installation is paramount to using that date. Press will go out accordingly.
  
7. The town has four tax acquired properties to dispose of. Dexter made a motion to bid out the 294 Water Street and 84 Elm Street properties with a \$1000.00 deposit requirement. Following

a second from Lander, the motion carried unanimously. A second motion was made by Dexter and again seconded by Lander to require the same on the 9 Morse Avenue and Outer Water Street lots. Bid packets will be available by next week, advertising will be published, and bids will be opened at the July meeting on the 5th. Those awarded any bids shall be given 60 days to close or forfeit their deposits.

8. A proposal to enter into group paving bids was brought up and manager was directed to determine a pavement schedule priority before entering into any contracts, prioritizing future work based on need, available funding and scope of work required.

9. Under assessors' issues, a farmland application was revisited with no action taken. Manager will meet with applicant to clarify statutory requirements and discuss future penalties. A poverty abatement request was also denied as Circuit Breaker criteria may apply.

10. Under Other Business, no topics were presented.

11. Following a motion from Dexter and a Burdin second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.