

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 6, 2011

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Michael Dexter, and Rick Lander and guests Al Hunt from Guilford Economic Partnership and 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. Manager read notes from Community Health and Counseling Services and from Pine Tree Hospice thanking the town for the recent donations.
5. Manager read e-mail received from the primary litigants against Central Maine Power Company and their use of smart meters. No action taken.
6. E-mail from librarian Linda Packard was read, inviting board to the library on September 12th to hear a talk from on investments by Maine Community Foundation.
7. Report was given on tax acquired properties; 9 Morse Avenue transaction completed, Water Steet in an attorney's hands as attempts to place title insurance.
8. Chairman Thompson called the advertised hearing on the extension of the adult business

moratorium to order. No one appeared to speak for or against. Burdin moved to extend it until the time of the annual town meeting in March in order to avoid the expense of a special town meeting and to let the vote be decided by a majority of the residents. Motion was seconded by Dexter and accepted by unanimous vote.

9. Further requests from non-profit organizations were read and Lander moved that we donate \$1500.00 each to Guilford Historical Society and WomanCare. A unanimous vote followed a Burdin second. Lander also moved, and Burdin seconded the motion, that the manager check with G.H.S to see if they still wished to draw funds from the Linnell Trust thus year.

10. Manager gave an update on the progress of summer road work stating that the ditching was completed on Sebec Shores, Andrews, and Guilford Center Roads and culverts replaced as needed, including the large project on Glass Hill Road. Paving should begin soon on the north end of Guilford Center Road.

11. Al Hunt presented the time table for the three project phases at the new food pantry building on Elm Street, also explaining that they had received a Brownfield grant from DEP to accomplish both a site review and consequent remediation work.

12. Manager read a report from Recreation Director Joe Gallant outlining the success of this summer's program. Dexter commented that an excellent job was done and that Joe was a very good fit for the town, the school, and the program.

13. The manager reported that the Senior Citizens' annual leaf peeping tour was in the planning stages and that buses had been requested for October 6th.

14. As requested by the Daughters of the Revolution, a Proclamation declaring September 17th through September 23rd to be Constitution Week throughout Guilford, along with the rest of America, was signed by the manager upon the motion and second from Burdin and Dexter respectively.

15. It was reported that the Guilford Historical Society would hold their annual Harvest Fair on

October 8th. The event will include a scarecrow decorating contest, a chance for vendors to have sales booths, lots of treats and food, and end with a twilight cemetery tour.

16. Lander moved that the board go into executive session as per 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. After Burdin's second and a unanimous vote, the board went into executive session at 8:40 pm. The same parties moved to come out of said session and the board did so at 8:43 pm. No action taken.

17. Under assessor's issues, two abatement requests were granted and one was tabled for further review. A Veteran's Exemption was granted and two supplements were approved. A request to combine contiguous lots was also approved.

18. Under Other Business, Lander requested that a dangerous tree be removed.

19. Following a motion from Burdin and a Dexter second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.