

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 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, Chris Maas, Brian Woodworth, and Maryanne Walsh representing the Maine Highlands Adult Day Program, 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 a letter from Ellen Meyer regarding the Guilford Memorial Library, praising the staff as well as the facility, comparing it to many larger libraries in her home state.
  
5. Manager presented the results of an MMA survey reflecting a general decrease in both revenues and spending in municipalities across the state. Revenues have averaged a six percent drop, while expenditures have dipped only one percent; a worrisome trend.
  
6. An update was given on the status of the four 2011 tax foreclosures. One has burned already, another appears abandoned and the broker feels the owner will not be returning, one past owner would like to rent from the town until summer, and one may be contested by the mortgage holder. On a motion from Dexter, seconded by Burdin, it was decided to rent to the tenant making the request.
  
7. Manager gave an update on the Chamber initiated Community Christmas program. The

movie, crafts, gingerbread cookie decorating, and story reading by the Gingerbread Man, all held at the Community Fitness Center, was quite well attended. The open house at the Historical Society and the subsequent Christmas Tree lighting, directed by Santa and Mrs. Claus, was attended by over 120 people.

8. Chris Maas and Maryann Walsh addressed the board regarding the proposed Maine Highlands Adult Day Program which they are planning to have at the old Central Hall building in Dover-Foxcroft. Chris spoke to the need in this area for such a concept, discussed funding, requested support and endorsement, and explained the process and the mode. Maryann talked about her experiences and the benefits to the adults needing the service as well as the respite given to the caretakers of those adults. During questions and answers, the board learned that they anticipate caring for 20 participants at a time, providing some medical services, meals, entertainment and activities.

9. The proposed Piscataquis County budget was reviewed, and it was noted that Guilford's share would decrease from the 2011 amount by over seven thousand dollars.

10. A proposal from Mayo Associates was presented detailing an addition to the medical building, a new entry vestibule, which they wish to build, at their expense, in order to maintain comfort in the waiting area. It was agreed to give immediate permission.

11. A midterm election at the Fire Department resulted in some changes in officers. New appointments were made accordingly after a motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin, which was unanimously approved.

12. Following a motion by Dexter, seconded by Lander, it was agreed to set the 2012-2013 budget meeting at 7:00 PM, February 13, 2012, at PCSS, (Piscataquis Community Secondary School.)

13. First Notice for warrant articles was given to the board.

14. Under assessor's issues, one abatement request was heard and granted, another was

denied for technical reasons.

15. Nothing was reported under Other Business.

16. Following a motion from Burdin and a Lander second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.