

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 6, 2012

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Kent Burdin, Rick Lander and Michael Dexter, and guests, Matt Holland and Robert Elliott of the Planning Board, and Bill Pearson from the 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 Thank You Note from family of Margaret Goulette for kindnesses and flowers following her death.

5. Manager read letter from Kathleen Cardin requesting a space to hold a hearing to check interest levels in establishing a community garden along River Street. Board directed that manager discuss plans with her to set a time and place, obtain soil tests and provide a complete start-up and clean-up plan for their review.

6. Manager updated board on progress of Town Report, hoping to print by Friday.

7. Public Hearing held as advertised regarding the Proposed Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance. The changes were detailed and the hearing was closed in due form at 7:09 PM.

8. Liquor license renewal applications for G&D Golf & Grill, and the Red Maple Inn were read and discussed. Motion by Lander to approve both, seconded by Dexter; unanimous.

9. A plan to save on energy costs was brought up, that would shut the heating system down for the summer months and would have the domestic hot water produced by installing either an electric or a propane on-demand heater. More details needed for future meeting.

10. A request from Davis Bros. Furniture to decorate the retaining wall forming part of the Elm Street sidewalk was presented. The board consented to allow the wall to be faced with stone.

11. A proposal for a streetlight at the intersection of Wharff and Sebec Shores Road brought little discussion and was approved. Manager will contact CMP to have this installed.

12. An inquiry into the care of cemeteries precipitated discussion on the bid process. There had been none as the current sexton had served for many years. It was agreed to give a one year notice before soliciting bids as the current contractor had been doing satisfactory work.

13. The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting was presented for review and signatures. All being in order, it was accepted and signed.

14. Under assessor's issues, manager stated that a Trio expert was coming soon to review some of their tax program entries.

15. Nothing was reported under Other Business.

16. Following a motion from Burdin with a Lander second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.