

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 1, 2012

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Kent Burdin, Rick Lander and Peter Martel, and Bill Pearson from The Piscataquis Observer.
  
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
  
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
  
4. Manager read Thank You notes addressed to the board of selectmen from the Methodist Church, Guilford Library, and the family of Tom Blake for donations made in his memory.
  
5. A note addressed to the board from the Guilford Historical Society was read thanking them for past contributions made by the town.
  
6. A renewal agreement extending the contract for ATV access trails on North Main Street and High Streets was presented for discussion. It was moved by Lander to continue. Following a second from Martell, the motion carried unanimously.
  
7. The Abaris Club requested that the town contribute one month's rent toward their port-a-potty project at the athletic fields as in the past. This year's cost is \$90.00 per month. It was unanimously agreed to do so following a motion from Burdin seconded by Martell.

8. Manager detailed possible need to borrow money in anticipation of tax collections. The town has paid all bills since February from its undesignated balance, but due to the heavy paving project of last summer, the reserves will not carry us through July. Either a tax anticipation note or general obligation borrowing will be required to make June payments. Burdin moved to authorize the manager to initiate a borrowing plan as best serves the town. It was unanimously approved after a second from Martell.

9. It was further determined to authorize the manager to move funds from designated fund accounts until the end of July in order to lessen the dollar amount of borrowing. Moved by Lander, seconded by Dexter and approved by unanimous vote.

10. Depositing checks electronically is an option open to the town that will speed up the depositing process and eliminate some of the paperwork. The cost of the equipment and charges from the bank exceed \$600.00 annually. The board decided to take no action at this time.

11. The Trustees of the Guilford Memorial Library presented a candidate to fill the position vacated by Yvonne Davis. On a motion from Burdin, which was seconded by Dexter, the board voted unanimously to go into executive session as per MSRA § 404 (6) (A)&(D) for the purpose of discussing the candidate; Time in: 7:38. Motion made by Burdin, seconded by Lander to exit the session; Time out: 7:44. Dexter moved and Burdin seconded that we hire Heidi Dow for the part time library position; unanimously approved.

12. Manager announced that the Summer Recreation program as operated by Joe Gallant will continue as in past summers with a similar schedule of activities and field trips. A final schedule will be printed and delivered before the end of the school year.

13. Manager told the board of his upcoming risk management seminar in St. Louis, Missouri. Maine Municipal Association will absorb the costs of travel and board.

14. Under assessor's issues, there was some discussion regarding qualifications for various exemptions, ongoing issues updating the Trio program internally, and interpreting some of the data on the property cards.

15. Nothing was reported under Other Business.

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