

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 5, 2012

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Rick Lander and Peter Martel, and guests Rita Tibbetts, Al Hunt, and Robert Juszczak.

2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.

3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.

4. Annual audit reports distributed.

5. Manager read Thank You note addressed to selectmen from the family of Tom Blake for donations made in his memory to the Methodist Church.

6. Bids were opened on tax acquired properties as advertised. Parcels #1 and #3 were awarded to the respective high bidders and Parcel #2 was not awarded as the bids were rejected and a possible boundary dispute was brought to light. When the matter is settled, the future disposition of this parcel will then be determined.

7. Manager announced that the town would not be seeking a tax anticipation note and expected to do no short term borrowing.

8. Those in attendance were reminded that election day is Tuesday, June 12th and the school budget validation vote will also be on the ballot.

9. The board paused to remember Donald Pushor in gratitude for his past services as a former member of this board, and in sorrow for the loss suffered by this entire community.

10. A resolve was presented to approve of the Piscataquis County Hazard Mitigation Plan to be submitted to F.E.M.A. that would qualify Guilford and other county towns for disaster assistance when so proclaimed. Moved by Dexter to so resolve, seconded by Martell and approved by unanimous vote.

11. A Public Hearing was held as advertised to adopt Appendix A, a new general assistance maximum allotment, and to adopt the changes to the housing limitation law. The overall maximums have been reduced by ten percent and housing assistance is limited to nine months over the next year.

12. Manager announced that the town had received notice of its certification as a Business Friendly Community following its application to the Department of Economic Development. The Department will be sending out press releases following presentations in Augusta on Wednesday, June 6th.

13. The Trustees of the Guilford Memorial Library presented a candidate to fill the position on their board vacated by the resignation of Heidi Dow. On a motion from Martell, seconded by Lander, the board voted unanimously to appoint Erin Bridges as a new Trustee.

14. It was agreed to set the mil rate for 2012 property taxes at the level required to support the March appropriations and maximum overlay.

15. No assessor's issues discussed.

16. Under Other Business, it was reported that a retirement party would be held to honor Jan Ronco, recently retired Abbot Selectperson, on Sunday June 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Abbot Town Hall.

17. Following a motion from Dexter with a Martell second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.