

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 3, 2012

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Rick Lander and Kent Burdin, and guests Matt Holland, Lou Sidell, Gary Grant, 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. A letter from the auditor's, Hollingsworth & Associates, was read recommending a change in the town's bookkeeping system to eliminate the double entry requirements of utilizing two systems. Training has begun to consolidate the two.
5. Manager read letter of resignation from SAD#4 Board member Carrie Fellows. Dexter moved to accept, it was seconded by Burdin and unanimously approved.
6. A resume and letter seeking employment was read to the board and the manager was directed to reply that there is no current opening.
7. A congratulatory card from Terry Young of Hardwood Products Company was read regarding Guilford being declared Business Friendly.
8. A letter from Eugene Conlogue seeking support as a candidate for the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee was read.
9. Chairman Thompson announced that the mil rate had been set at .01290 or \$12.90 per thousand of property valuation, a decrease of .30 from last year. He mentioned that expansion at Hardwood Products Company and at Puritan Medical Supply had contributed to the drop. Burdin stated that improved Business Personal Property assessments and corresponding BETE reimbursements also assisted.
10. Gary Grant addressed the board on behalf of Piscataquis Country Club and their youth golfing program operating in conjunction with Pirate Rec and modeled after the successful "First Tee" program. This offering is a result of an initial fund raising program geared to engage children in the sport, and has attracted fourteen new members. They requested a donation of \$500.00 to provide junior sized sets of clubs and Lander made the accommodating motion which was unanimously approved following a Burdin second, funds to come from recreation budget.
11. Matt Holland then addressed the Board with an idea for a micro-loan business

development program. The plan is to raise and appropriate a certain amount of money to be used as seed or assistance loans to small businesses both starting or in need of a temporary boost. Making the rules and conditions simpler and more responsive than state or federal programs could provide additional economic opportunities. Matt was asked to research other existing programs, work with MMA legal department on laws and liabilities, and provide a written outline at a future meeting.

12. The board cast its ballot for the MMA LPC as mentioned in item 8 above.

13. A new private road has been constructed leading off Water Street just east of Alice and Loren Drive, and its owners requested the town accept the name "Smith Road", which was accordingly done following a motion by Dexter, seconded by Lander.

14. Under Assessor's Issues, one supplemental bill was approved, one abatement was approved, and one abatement request was tabled for more information as the acreage in question has not been surveyed.

15. Under Other Business, chairman Thompson told of his attendance at a Municipal Officer's Workshop and highly recommended it to the other board members as a very informative and worthwhile program.

16. Following a motion from Dexter with a Martell second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.