

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 4, 2012

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 pm. Present were selectmen Mike Dexter, Rick Lander, Kent Burdin, and Peter Martell.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Martell to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. A letter from a non-resident requesting that something be done to mitigate perceived traffic issues at the famous five way intersection known as the triangle was read. Manager directed to send letter of reply.
5. Thank you notes from Pine Tree Hospice and Community Health and Counseling Services were read regarding town donations made to them.
6. MMA voting delegate selection papers presented; following a motion by Burdin with a Dexter second, board unanimously appointed manager to cast the town's votes at the annual business meeting in October.
7. It was reported that the Guilford Center Road should receive the final lift of pavement near the end of the month. This and some shoulder work should complete the multi year project.
8. It was noted that the North Main Street upper sidewalk replacement was completed, including reshaping the entrance to Center Street.
9. A report from the director of the Guilford Summer Recreation program was read. Dexter commented that when Mr. Gallant runs the program, there are no issues to deal with; just full cooperation and no problems.
10. Manager reported that the tax collections were at their usual pace with 90 percent of the year's committed taxes paid to date.
11. Tax Collector updated the board on new Tree Growth assessment laws and added burdens required of the town, including certified mailings and the uncertainty of filing dates. On a motion from Lander, seconded by Burdin, it was unanimously approved to set the town policy as using April 1st of each year as the enrollment date and subsequent anniversaries for those applying to the program.
12. It was reported that Guilford Historical Society would be holding their annual Harvest Fair on September 29th at the society's building, the Braeburn Block, and Elmwood Cemetery as in

the past.

13. Manager reported that the office would be closing early (3:00 pm) on September 18th for training on the new rules and procedures for producing certified death certificates. The notice of closing will be posted on the website, the Post Office and the Town Office.

14. A letter of resignation from Bev Crockett, the assistant librarian, was read; her last day on the job to be September 21st. It was moved by Burdin and seconded by Lander to accept it, and manager directed to write a note to Bev thanking her for past services.

15. Plans to repair or remove the School Street sidewalk north of the fire station were discussed. It is time to replace it or else eliminate it with a wider road and a stripe indicating the walk area. Pros and cons of both approaches were discussed and manager directed to bring the Methodist Church trustees into the discussion.

16. It was announced that the Senior Citizens Leaf Peeper Tour would include a trip to the State Museum in Augusta. Arrangements are being made for an early October excursion and will be posted soon.

17. Under Assessor's Issues, four abatement requests were approved; three of them due to property being BETE eligible and therefore exempt, and three supplements to the BETE program were also approved in conjunction with the prior abatements. Another abatement request was tabled until more information becomes available.

18. Under Other Business, manager thanked Mike Dexter for engaging the assistance of Charleston Correctional in painting the trim at the former Guilford Primary School building.

19. Following a motion from Lander with a Burdin second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.