

## TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 2, 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; and guest Lori Dumont.
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 the Municipal Review Committee to Penobscot Valley Refuse Disposal District was read regarding recovery of municipal funds that had been taken from the member towns. The intent was to select directors from each community, revitalize the board of directors, and resolve the "lost" funds issue with the intention of redistributing those monies to the proper, entitled communities. It was voted to name Tom Goulette as Guilford's representative to the board on a motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter.
5. Note from American Red Cross read expressing thanks for the donation recently sent to them.
6. Notice of proposed rate increase and public hearing received from Guilford Sangerville Sanitary District. General increase is twelve percent, but some smaller accounts will see a 645 percent increase.
7. A letter received from the Secretary of State regarding Municipal Clerk training and Registrar of Voters training requirements was read, and it was noted that the office personnel are working on compliance. Many of the fall classes were filled and the time allowed was too short, but training is being scheduled accordingly. A copy of classes attended to date was presented and it was noted that a recent inspection by the State Motor Vehicle Department was passed with flying colors.
8. A letter from Pat Kablitz, Director of MMA Risk Management Services was distributed, and it was noted that Guilford received a dividend check of \$1398.00 from the Property and Casualty Insurance program.
9. Manager reported that he had attended a Trustee's meeting at the Guilford United Methodist Church to discuss the sidewalk running south of their property and that they had voted in favor of its removal, requesting that an additional section also be removed at the same time.
10. It was reported that the north section of Guilford Center Road was now completely paved and shoulder work was ongoing toward completing this project. It was further noted that several

favorable comments had been received, including a thank you note from a resident along the route, as well as some complaints regarding speeding vehicles and driveway drop-offs. Gravel is being added to back up the pavement and this should resolve the issue.

11. The Library Trustees offered the name of Jeanne Cookson to fill the open position on its board. Her appointment was unanimously approved on a motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter.

12. Following the recent resignation of Bev Crockett as library assistant, the Trustees proposed extending current employee Heidi Dow's hours to cover both positions. This would bring her hours to a total of 26 per week and classification would remain permanent part-time. The board directed the manager to hire as needed.

13. Manager presented the newly written Tree Growth Program policy appendix as voted last meeting for review and for signatures. The proposed policy was voted in after a motion and second from Lander and Burdin respectively.

14. The Partnership Food Pantry was recognized for five years of service. What began in founder Al Hunt's driveway has expanded to its current location at the former primary school on High Street with plans to move to a permanent home on Elm Street in the near future. There is also a Greenville location. It was noted that they distribute over 10,000 pounds of food each month to about 250 families between the two towns, plus 75 backpacks of 3500 calories each through the Weekend Backpack Program in collaboration with Dover Kiwanis and the schools.

15. Manager announced that the Town Office was once again collecting lids from Yoplait Yogurt to send in for the benefit of the fight against breast cancer. Other brands are joining in the support and lids that aren't brought to the office can be redeemed online by visiting the website: [www.savelidstosavelives.com](http://www.savelidstosavelives.com).

16. An application for the renewal of a junkyard permit for Lyle Cookson was read and approved. It was moved by Lander, seconded by Burdin and unanimously approved.

17. A proposal received from Dirigo Engineering was discussed regarding engineering services for rehabilitating School Street. To complete testing, mapping,, surveying and design, as well as prepare cost estimates for a rebuild would cost \$6,000.00. No action taken.

18. A Public Hearing was held as posted to discuss and adopt the Housing Maximums for General Assistance to expire September 30, 2013 or until replaced. Adopted as proposed on a motion from Burdin with a Martell second.

19. The State Valuation figures for municipalities for 2013 were presented. Guilford's taxable valuation has decreased by one percent. While some of the smallest towns with waterfront properties saw an increase, most towns in Piscataquis County saw decreases in the range of two to nine percent. This will translate to a higher share of the County tax next fall.

20. Under Assessor's Issues, two abatement requests were discussed, one was approved,

the other denied. A Veteran's Exemption was also approved.

21. Under Other Business, Lander noted that pick-up trucks were driving down the ATV and snowmobile trails north of the village and requested permission for the clubs to erect gates to protect these expensive trails. He then made a motion to accomplish this which was seconded Burdin and unanimously accepted.

22. Following a motion from Dexter with a Lander second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.