

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 6, 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 guests Gayle Worden from Community Fitness and Alan Johnson.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Dexter to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. A letter from EMDC was read in response to the Municipal Review Committee's inquiry regarding recovery of municipal funds that had been taken from to Penobscot Valley Refuse Disposal District member towns. The intent was to reach out and resolve the "lost" funds issue and put together a recorded account of how it was accomplished.
5. The MRC (Municipal Review Committee) sent its ballot for directors instructing charter communities to vote for three of the candidates. Martell moved that the manager determine which three to vote for and submit the ballot. Motion seconded by Burdin, unanimous.
6. A copy of a letter from FEMA to Piscataquis EMA Director Tom Capraro was read, detailing that the county hazard mitigation plan had received state and federal approval. This makes the participating members eligible for disaster remediation funds if and when they are available.
7. Manager discussed the public notices placed in local papers regarding cemetery clean-up and the winter parking ban. No significant changes to past versions.
8. Gayle Worden representing Friends of Community Fitness invited the board to attend a Veteran's Tribute Concert at the facility on November 11th from 2-4 pm. She then presented a wish list of improvements they would like to have done, offering to contribute where possible. Most of the requests dealt with replacement flooring. The board agreed to look into alternative treatments and pricing with an implied agreement that at least some of the items would be done.
9. Manager outlined Guilford's participation in the county wide Chamber organized Hometown Holidays celebration December 1st. The Guilford Historical Society would be giving out cocoa and cookies at their building following Santa's visit and the tree lighting ceremony at 6:00pm. The town crew would have a bonfire to warm those waiting for the lights at the Braeburn lot where the tree will be set beginning near 5:00pm. At 7:00pm, the Community Band will provide a free concert at the Community Fitness Center.
10. It was reported that four properties had been foreclosed for non-payment of taxes

following due notice. The next step is to allow the thirty day period to run in which the decisions may be contested, then proceed to disposition of the properties, which will be decided at future meetings.

11. Under Assessor's Issues, two abatement requests were discussed, one was approved, the other denied. A Veteran's Exemption was also approved.

12. No items were brought before the board under Other Business.

13. Following a motion from Dexter with a Lander second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.